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Just a reminder that our next meeting is scheduled for Wed., Feb. 4th from 1-3 pm at Walsh College.

The following is a tentative agenda. If there are any items that you would like to add, please let me know. Thanks!

Shawn

Agenda

1. Last meeting's minutes
2. Grolier Online free trial
3. KnowledgeCite beta testing
4. Newsbank/other leads?
5. Procedures/Evaluation criteria
6. Survey results
7. Other business
8. Next meeting

MINUTES
DALNET Collection Development Committee
Wednesday, Feb. 4, 1998
Walsh College

Members present:

Gloria Ellis, Walsh	Carol Sims, WCCC
Shawn Patterson, UDM	Nancy Skowronski, DPL
Teresa Prince, MCCC	

The meeting was called to order at 1:15 pm.

1. Approval for the Jan. minutes was shelved until the March meeting.
2. MLC Academic Libraries meeting, Jan. 29, 1998:

Major issues that arose from the MLC meeting were discussed, including whether DALNET libraries could receive better prices through MLC than through DALNET. Gloria Ellis noted that the best prices would be determined by the pricing formula used by each consortium; for example, currently MLC uses FTE as its price basis, which is a hindrance to larger institutions. After much discussion, it was concluded that finding the best price for electronic resources is a confusing process, and one that will grow more confusing with the proliferation of potential vendors and consortia. The upcoming trial for ECO--Electronic Collections Online--was also discussed; this database will be linked to FirstSearch.

3. Grolier Online free trial

Shawn Patterson distributed information on a free trial from Grolier for their Multimedia Encyclopedia and Encyclopedia Americana online. Additionally, she will distribute free trial information at the next Project Managers meeting for all DALNET libraries. Teresa Prince mentioned that she had received information about the CD-ROM product.

4. KnowledgeCite beta testing

Shawn Patterson was approached by a KnowledgeCite representative, who was told to contact the DALNET Collection Development Committee by Randy Duykhuis of MLC. KnowledgeCite, a spinoff of SilverPlatter, is looking for a beta site to test their new web-based product and is interested in working with a consortium. A brief discussion of the KnowledgeCite product ensued; concerns were raised as to whether DALNET members would have the time and resources to devote to the beta test, as a result of the upcoming Horizon migration. Additionally, Committee members wanted more information about the product and the databases that it would include. Shawn agreed to request additional information from the KnowledgeCite representative, and present the proposal at the next Project Managers meeting.

5. Newsbank Infoweb

Shawn Patterson presented information about InfoWeb; she reported that MaryAnn Sheble

(UDM) felt that NewsBank's InfoWeb could be a potentially valuable database for other DALNET libraries, and suggested bringing it to the Collection Development Committee for consideration. Nancy Skowronski noted that DPL subscribes to NewsFile on CD-ROM but currently is re-evaluating the product; WSU's undergraduate library also has a subscription to InfoWeb. Teresa Prince and Carol Sims also expressed interest in a trial. Therefore, Shawn will look into setting up a free trial for DALNET.

6. Procedures/evaluation criteria

Committee members continued the review of the revised MLC Procedures for MLC Group Licenses in order to adapt them for the DALNET Collection Development Committee guidelines on setting up free trials and evaluating electronic resources. The following guidelines were proposed:

- a. The CD committee will create an evaluation form that will be distributed with free trial information. Interested DALNET libraries will be required to complete and return this formal evaluation to the CD Committee within one week after the trial period ends. At this time, member libraries must determine if they are interested in pursuing a group license.
- b. Committee members brainstormed potential issues/questions that should appear on the evaluation form, including:
 - ease of use/user friendliness
 - database coverage
 - tradeoffs: can DALNET libraries cancel products that overlap in order to alleviate costs?
 - how much the institution is willing to pay for the product
 - suggestions for other (similar) databases
- c. The CD Committee will forward evaluation results and a list of interested member libraries to the DALNET office. DALNET office staff will then pursue group licensing for the product.
- d. The DALNET office will have 2 weeks from the time that the evaluation results are received to negotiate with the product vendor and respond back directly to the Project Managers of interested member libraries.

It was determined that specific evaluation criteria must be set up: Carol Sims will research electronic media collection development issues in materials that WCCC has received recently; Nancy Skowronski will search the WWW for collection development policies; and Shawn Patterson will design a basic template to be revised by Committee members at the next meeting.

6. Next meeting: The next meeting is scheduled for Wed., March 11th from 2-4 at WCCC Downriver campus.

Minutes respectfully submitted by: Shawn Patterson, UDM