

AGENDA
DALNET Collection Development Committee
May 28, 1998
2:00-4:00pm
Wayne State University Undergraduate Library

1. Approval of minutes
2. Jim Green's departure
3. Statement to DALNET board re: DALNET's future role
4. Procedures/evaluation criteria for electronic resources trials/acquisitions
5. Miscellaneous
6. Next meeting

EVALUATION FORM for DALNET Trial Databases

Please return the completed form to the Collection Development Committee by: _____

Name: _____ Institution: _____

Database Tested: _____ Date: _____

Please comment on the following areas (if needed, attach additional pages):

1. Coverage/currency of database:

2. Search interface:

3. Ease of use/navigation:

4. Availability/usefulness of help screens:

5. Appropriateness for your institution's patrons:

6. Stability/Reliability/Ease of access:

7. Does this product's coverage/value overlap a product (i.e., a print version) held by your institution that can be canceled?

8. Do you think this product should be a high/medium/low priority purchase for DALNET? Please explain.

9. Other comments/suggestions for other databases DALNET should evaluate:

DALNET's Role in Future Electronic Resource Acquisitions (Draft #1)

The current electronic resource environment is highly volatile for a number of reasons:

- ◆ Many vendors are exploring new ways of pricing their electronic databases;
- ◆ Some vendors, accustomed to dealing with one institution type (i.e., public libraries), are experiencing difficulties in adapting to the needs of other institutional types;
- ◆ Price quotes for a particular resource may vary by vendor representative, or by pricing structure (i.e., FTE v. simultaneous users), so that an institutional agreement may be more advantageous than a consortial agreement;
- ◆ The Internet and WWW have created opportunities for a library or consortium to partner with other institutions regardless of geographic boundaries; as a result, acquisition efforts by individual libraries, as well as consortia, have overlapped.

As a result of this unstable environment, library administrators must be vigilant in pursuing all licensing possibilities in order to identify the most advantageous agreement for their institutions. At present, DALNET's role has been to act as one more consortium entering the confusing fray of the licensing world.

However, as the electronic resources environment evolves into a more stable arena, the licensing process should become more simplified. Ideally, the Michigan Library Consortium (MLC) will act as primary negotiator for most electronic resources; because MLC represents a statewide effort, it (may) wield(s) more power and therefore provide greater opportunities for individual institutions to afford electronic resources. Additionally, MLC, as a state-wide consortium, provides DALNET libraries with the opportunity to partner with other institutions outside the Detroit area with whom they may have shared interests and needs. Therefore, most, if not all, external electronic resources of interest to DALNET institutions could be obtained through shared licensing agreements initiated by MLC.

Nevertheless, a role in this simplified environment will exist for DALNET. Specifically, the Collection Development Committee views the future role of DALNET within the electronic resources environment as being one of facilitator.

Additionally, the Collection Development Committee believes that DALNET should undertake another valuable role, focusing its resources on acting as vendor for locally produced databases created from valuable and specialized local materials and collections like the TIP collection at DPL or the materials available at Wayne State University's Center for Urban Studies.

CONCLUDING STATEMENT??

Minutes
DALNET Collection Development Committee
May 28, 1998

Present: Carol McCollough, Shawn Patterson, Teresa Prince

1. Approval of minutes: Tabled until next meeting due to low attendance.
2. Jim Green's departure: S. Patterson will notify Margaret Auer of the need to replace Jim Green with another representative from the DALNET office.
3. Statement to DALNET Board: Committee members reviewed the statement and made changes. S. Patterson will make the changes and send out copies of the second draft to committee members. A cover letter for the statement will need to be written; in it, it should detail the following:
 - The CDC feels that collection development decisions should rest, in large part, in the hands of those who use the electronic resources daily and who help patrons use these resources; i.e., public service librarians.
 - Project managers' responsibilities for collection development issues should be eliminated.
 - The CDC's recommendation is for each DALNET institution to identify someone with a public service perspective to act as the main contact (called the collection development liaison in the statement) with the CDC during trial and evaluation periods.
4. Procedures/evaluation form: These were reviewed by the committee. S. Patterson will make the needed changes and send out copies of the second draft to CDC members.
5. Miscellaneous: Low attendance at committee meetings was discussed. C. McCollough suggested that regular meeting dates/times be established (e.g., the second Tues. of every month at 2:00 pm). Committee members will be polled as to the best days/times for meeting.
6. Next meeting: to be determined.

Minutes submitted by Shawn Patterson