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**Subject:** FW: DALNET Cost Allocation Task Force: Meeting at DPL. 2/17/03. Agenda



Cost Allocation Task  
Force.Fee...

Dear Executive Committee members,

Here is the information I sent out earlier today concerning Monday's Cost Allocation Task Force meeting. This is for your information. I'm sending this so all of the Executive Committee and Budget Task Force members will have this.

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**From:** Michael C Piper  
**Sent:** Friday, February 14, 2003 12:57 PM  
**To:** DALNET Cost Allocation Task Force  
**Subject:** DALNET Cost Allocation Task Force: Meeting at DPL. 2/17/03.  
Agenda

Dear Cost Allocation Task Force members,

Thank you for agreeing to serve on the DALNET Cost Allocation Task Force. Our next meeting will occur from 2:30-4:30 PM on Monday, 17 February at the Detroit Public Library.

This message includes a proposed agenda for our session. I look forward to seeing you on Monday at DPL!

DALNET Cost Allocation Task Force Meeting  
2:30 - 4:30 PM on 17 February 2003  
Detroit Public Library

### Proposed agenda

Desired outcome: address task force charge element 1, which is to "Review the cost allocation formula for current members. This includes evaluating fees charged to DPL, WSU and DMC, along with the advisability of continuing across-the-board annual fee increases."

1) Identify criteria for our preferred pricing formula. What are the criteria for assessing DALNET's cost allocation formula? What would a good allocation look like? The New Member Task Force outlined several criteria for a suitable formula, including:

- Consistent, uniform application
- Price stability
- Accurately reflects costs of new sites
- Clarity, understandability
- Easy to apply, using readily available data
- Reflects true costs of supporting members
- Equity: all members pay their fair share

We'll review this list and add other items, as appropriate.

2) How do our current formula and the one proposed by the New Member Task Force measure up? Are there imbalances in the current approach's application? As further background on this topic, I'm enclosing a workbook that depicts what members would pay under the current formula, if it were

applied consistently, along with what members would pay under the revised formula proposed by the New Member Task Force. This workbook is based on the one Bob prepared for that task force.

3) How do we address any imbalances? DALNET's formula is based on volumes. Other consortia use a variety of factors, including Bib records, Circulation, Seats and Patrons. DMC suggests that DALNET should use bed counts for calculating charges for hospital libraries. Are there better factors for DALNET, or should we apply different factors to different types of libraries, as DMC proposes?

4) Identify agenda topics for conference call from 10 AM until Noon on Friday, 7 March 2003. Do we need to schedule additional meetings?

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