

CONSORTIUM/NETWORK SPECIAL INTEREST GROUP  
NUGM 1990 Summary Notes

New Board: Chair-Elect: Lizanne Payne (WRLC); Secretary: Helen Healy (Western Michigan University); Steering Committee: Marsha Ra (CUNY), Pat Young (CUNY), Greg Mollica (UPRLC), and Charlene Wecker (DALNET). Louise Bugg (DALNET) will continue on the SIG Board as Past-Chair.

L. Payne gave a status report on the SIG's Location-Based Searching document:

1. Location-based searching was the overwhelming number one choice of both the OPAC SIG and all NOTIS sites as reflected in the official NUGM 1990 ballot.
2. At the SIG meeting at NUGM 1989, L. Payne, M. Ra, and Geri Bunker agreed to form a Task Force and draft a document detailing the SIG's needs. (G. Bunker later replaced by M. Dalehite.)
3. At the SIG meeting at the 1990 ALA summer meeting a discussion of this document occurred, giving attendees the opportunity to give input to the document.
5. NSI assigned a system analyst (Randy Menakes) to this project. He attended the SIG meeting at ALA and outlined NSI's plans and also convened a "focus" group at ALA to review NOTIS's plans.
6. Following the ALA meeting, the Task Force made revisions to the original draft.
7. Meeting at NUGM 1990 on location-based searching. Each member of the SIG Task Force gave a presentation. Sara Randall, from NSI, gave an update on NOTIS's progress.
8. NSI is currently working on the functional specifications and will have completed them in January 1991.

The SIG approved accepting the Task Force's current draft as a final product and forwarding it officially to NSI.

Top items on our SIG's ballot:

- Location based searching = 315 points  
(Note: coming with 5.1)
- Serials control = 102 points
- Call number/shelf list improvements = 100 points  
(Note: coming with 5.0)
- Merged Heading Update for tapeload = 90 points
- File purge = 75 points  
(Note: some of it will be in 5.0)
- Public Course Reserve = 62 points

Other major issues to concentrate on were identified (also would be 1991 ballot issues). Desired enhancements will be described in greater detail -- as were those on the Circulation SIG's ballot. People volunteered to write up a description of each enhancement for discussion and possible modifications at Midwinter ALA Meeting.

Enhancements suggested (and volunteers)

1. Circulation Module enhancements for consortia and multiple processing unit sites, including enhancements to the "has" command, updates to patron records from tapeloads, and improvements to Bill and Fine - DALNET (OU and WSU) and UPRLC
2. Modifications to authority control security for consortia - UPRLC
3. MDAS contracts for consortia - H. Healy
4. MHI Update from tapeloads - A. Hagyard
5. PACLINK and ILL capabilities - G. Mollica  
Note: M. Ward (of NSI) stressed that the current development is funded development paid for by Indiana and New York, utilizing these customers' specifications. Aspects of it are being carried over to location based searching. The ILL component is part of the funded development. G. Mollica will, at least, report on the current work in order to keep the SIG abreast of development in this area. Our SIG is interested in ILL functioning within one installation as well as across installations.
6. Electronic data transmission to vendors

It was stressed that we need to broaden consortia to include sites which are multi-institution group, multi-processing and multiple Service Units. The enhancements that we desire are really desirable to sites covered by all three situations. This brought up the basic question of the definition of a consortia. There seems to be between 11 and 27 depending on the definition. We are talking about groups which include members which are administratively separate.

The SIG will be meeting at Midwinter ALA on Saturday night from 8-10. It was agreed that there should continue to be a "Consortium Track" NUGM 1991.

C. Wecker

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## NOTIS Release 5.0 Enhancements

### A. OPAC (NOTISes:3/90,6/90/7/90)

#### 1. MHI in OPAC

Includes following improvements from staff mode MHI:

- .search request repeated at top of screen
- .index screen has less indentions, less "intimidating"
- .redirection will (?) work when referred to author/title entry
- .will include format designation and place of publication for serials

#### 2. Labelled OPAC screens for brief and full bibliographic displays

#### 3. Call number searching available in OPAC (except for unlinked item records). Index browsable both backwards and forwards.

#### 4. Command Command Language (CCL) will be accepted

### B. CATALOGING AND AUTHORITY MODULES

#### 1. USMARC Format for Holdings Data implemented (NOTISes:8/89,7/90)

Conversion of current volume holdings records to the new MARC record needs to be done by 5.1.

#### 2. Improved global change capabilities (NOTISes:5/90)

- .current global will be improved and also expanded for use on ALL types of headings
- .new, very powerful command (glch) which utilizes a workform and handles embedded terms, changes tags, adds subject headings, etc.

#### 3. Improvements to Conflict and Error Detection Reports

### C. Circulation Module

#### 1. Bill and Fine Record Purge (NOTISes:5/90)

#### 2. Patron Record Purge (NOTISes:5/90)

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D. Acquisitions and Serials Modules

1. Currency conversion (NOTISes:7/90)

.separate tables for each processing unit

2. Fiscal period close options,, with ability to use different fund closing rules for different funds

.cancel open orders

.carry forward open orders

.carry forward open orders; reallocate commitments

.carry forward uncommitted balance and open orders; reallocate commitments

.no year-end processing

3. More classes allowed to track expenditures by class

4. Capability to track allocation changes on fund records, including dates, amounts, user id, and comments for each change

E. Online System Control File - for most NOTIS tables

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