DALNET Project Managers Meeting

September 11, 1995
1:00 - 4:00 p.m.

WSU Purdy Library Dean's Conference Room

<u>Agenda</u>

1. Introductions/Farewells

    -- DMC Project Managers

2. QuikReports

    -- Use for database cleanup - Judy

3. Planning Process

    -- Recommendations for educating ourselves
    -- Focus group info
    -- Ameritech visit (September 18th)

4. Forward PROFS to Local E-Mail Box

5. Dial Access Changes

    -- MTS IDs
    -- Demo - Jim

6. New LUIS PCs at WSU -- Demo -- Jim

7. DocDirect/PowerPages (Jason Pierson/UMI may be able to come)

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DALNET PROJECT MANAGERS MEETING
WSU Purdy Library
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Present: Debbie Adams, Eric Condic, Gloria Ellis, Joan Emahiser,
            Karen Fulwood, Joan Hollier, Michele Klein, Mary Ann
            Sheble, Nancy Skowronski, Jennifer Moldwin, Judy
            Murray, Barbara Platts, Frank White, Fran Young;

            DALNET staff: Louise Bugg, Jim Green, Helen Ma, and
            Charlene Wecker.

1.   Introductions

      With several new project managers and changes in DALNET
      staff, the meeting began with introductions. Now that we
      have a signed agreement with the DMC, project managers for
      their libraries will be invited to the next meeting. Updated
      copies of the Project Managers list were distributed.

      Good wishes and thanks were expressed to Charlene in her
      plans to relocate to Portland, Oregon in October. NOTE: Her
      last work day is October 13.

2.   QuikReports

      Judy Murray distributed descriptions of QuikReports that she
      has used for OCC for database maintenance, IPEDS reporting,
      and collection valuation for insurance.

3.   DALNET Planning Process

      Indra David, Mary Ann Sheble, and Frank White have been
      meeting with Louise to develop a planning process for the
      next generation system to recommend to the DALNET Board.
      This team was appointed by the Board and asked to report at
      the September 14th Board meeting.

      Louise distributed the draft report the team was working on
      and asked for feedback, especially on the recommendation for
      educating ourselves during the next year. Project managers
      suggested that single vendors may be able to address several
      of the topics at one visit. They also suggested that, since
      this is a fast-developing field, there be some sort of up-
      date at the end of the year to learn about new developments
      since the education sessions began.

      The visioning process was also discussed. A new DALNET
      vision was seen as evolving during the year as we learn more
      about current and future system capabilities. A step needs
      to be added to the process to work on a new vision fairly
      quickly, so that we have some concept against which to
      evaluate and compare the systems we learn about.

Louise will revise the team's report to include this input from the Project Managers and distribute final copies of the report to PMs after the Board meeting.

Frank White invited PMs to Macomb Community College for a demo of the Sirsi client/server automated library system that he is scheduling for a Friday in October, either the 20th or the 27th from 9:30 to 1:00. Final date/time information will be provided.

Louise is compiling the results of the DALNET Focus sessions held during the summer for the Board meeting. These sessions gave us important feedback on service improvements needed in the DALNET office, NOTIS system enhancements needed during the next few years, and ideas upon which to build DALNET beyond a shared OPAC/library management system. She will send copies of the Focus sesion summary to the Project Managers after the Board meeting.

Dean Breivik has invited two Ameritech vice presidents to visit at Wayne State and discuss joint development opportunities for a next generation system for DALNET. She plans to invite representatives of the DALNET Board to meet with them during their visit, which is scheduled for September 18th. NOTE: it had to be rescheduled to November 8th.

4.   Forward PROFS to local e-mail box

Charlene distributed instructions for setting PROFS mail to forward into your local e-mail box. DALNET library staff using this feature need to remember to logon to PROFS at least once every 6 months to avoid having their PROFS IDs deleted for lack of use. The DALNET Office uses PROFS distribution lists to broadcast system messages, so it is important for each DALNET library to continue to access PROFS.

5.   Dial Access Changes

Louise reported that only one DALNET institution was ready to proceed with MERIT affiliation to get MichNet access through DALNET. Walsh College has affiliated directly with MERIT and now has a hookup to their building. DIA and DPL are still investigating their options. Louise will pursue this further at the Board meeting.

OCC is enabling 16 simultaneous users to access LUIS via dial up through their campus network. Judy will send a copy of the instructions to the DALNET Office.

Temporarily, the DALNET Office is able to get MichNet authorizations (MTS IDs) through Wayne State for those DALNET libraries without Internet providers.

Jim reviewed the "Dailup Access to LUIS" handout he distributed. This document is still evolving as changes keep happening with the MichNet network. The handout includes information about guest dial access to LUIS using the login of *guest@wayne.edu* and *password: guest*. This is being provided only temporarily until those affiliated with WSU get individual IDs.

The Michigan Electronic Library (MEL) Project headquartered at MLink and sponsored by the Library of Michigan, MLink, and Merit, is providing public access to library catalogs in the state. The instructions to access the MEL will be distributed with the Project Managers'meeting minutes.

Jim conducted a demonstration of dial access into LUIS using MTS login, the Wayne State guest login, and via MEL.

6.   New LUIS PCs at WSU

Wayne State is in the process of upgrading 15 dumb LUIS terminals to smart PCs that are connected via the Ethernet. The new functions on these PCs will include: (1) LUIS access; (2) Web access using Netscape; and, later, (3) continuous printing and downloading; and (4) access to LAN-based databases in the specific WSU Library buildings.

Eric reported that OU was also developing such a new LUIS station and was using freeware called Wayfarer to provide a front-end menu on a Windows for Workgroups setup.

Project Managers requested detailed technical information on the Wayne State and Oakland University workstations after they are made available to users. Jim will followup on this request.

Unfortunately, the Ethernet connection in the Kresge Auditorium was not operational for the scheduled demo of the new LUIS pc in development.

7.   DocDirect/UMI Powerpages

A subset of the PM group stayed on past the end of the meeting to talk with Jason Pierson of UMI about DocDirect and Powerpages for DALNET. Jason answered several questions of the group and then presented UMI's new ProQuest Direct service, which provides direct Internet access to full-text

stored on hardware at UMI. This new service will be marketed with options, e.g., text only, full image. Pricing is expected to be comparable to local storage on the CD jukebox. Jason will work on a combined price for DALNET, so some libraries could choose to share the CDs and some to go direct via the Internet.

Louise will bring these developments to the attention of the Board and have a meeting called of those libraries still interested the last week of September. Jason is able to hold the price for all for one year even if only a couple of DALNET libraries are able to make a commitment by the end of the month.

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Notes by,

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