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Sent: Friday, August 23, 2002 12:13 PM
To: DALNETB@LISTS.WAYNE.EDU
Subject: FW: DALNET/SLC/TLN meeting on MiLE. Follow-up

Dear DALNET Board members,

Here is a summary of our productive first meeting with reps from the Suburban Library Coop and The Library Network. I'm sending this FYI, and to ask for your guidance on these issues concerning MiLE administration during calendar year 2003.

* Our recommendation is that TLN continue as the MiLE administrative agent through the end of 2003, closely tracking staff time and other resources needed for administering the MiLE project.

* We also recommend that the MiLE Steering Committee be authorized to OK purchases within the 2003 MiLE budget. This seems a much more effective approach than asking SLC, TLN and DALNET to approve these expenditures.

* We propose that the MiLE Steering Committee develop recommendations for administering MiLE after 2003.

Does this sound OK to you? We can pick this up during the "partners, allies and relationships" discussion at Monday's Board meeting.

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From: Michael C Piper [mailto:aj0386@wayne.edu]
Sent: Wednesday, August 14, 2002 9:33 PM
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Cc: Tammy Turgeon; A. Michael Deller; Louise Bugg; Duryea Callaway; Scott P. Muir
Subject: RE: DALNET/SLC/TLN meeting on MiLE. Follow-up

Dear colleagues,

Thanks again for your time last Wednesday. Sorry for the delay in getting this summary out to you. The past week has been nuts. Here is my understanding of our agreements:

1) What have we learned from MiLE? The cooperative spirit engendered by MiLE is key. As the three library networks serving our state's major population center, we want to build on that spirit, and we want to continue collaborating, no matter what ILL system is selected statewide.

2) Administering MiLE: Near term. We agreed that TLN will continue as the MiLE administrative agent through the end of 2003, closely tracking staff time and other resources needed for administering the project. We recommend that the Steering Committee OK purchases within the 2003 budget, which has been approved by our respective Boards. We'll run this past our boards of directors, to make sure they are comfortable with this arrangement.

3) Administering MiLE: Long term. To develop long-term strategies for MiLE administration, we'll ask the MiLE Steering Committee to make recommendations on these topics:

- * Mechanisms for collecting monies
- * Expenditures approval
- * Accommodating new sites
- * An administrative structure, including staffing, server administration,

software support, training, configuration and set up, and Web page maintenance.

Louise will take these issues to the MiLE Steering Committee. Louise, I'm inferring that you'll also keep us posted on that group's work in addressing these issues, right?

4) Joint grant projects to build on MiLE. After discussing services offered by each of our networks, we identified areas that might lend themselves to joint grant projects, including reciprocal borrowing and a technology grant for DPL. Dee and Eileen agreed to Contact Nancy Skowronski about the DPL technology grant idea. Dee and Eileen will also research possible funding sources for a joint reciprocal borrowing grant. They'll report on both of these assignments at our next meeting.

5) Next meeting: 1:30 - 4:00 PM on Monday, 30 September 2002 at a TLN site to be determined. Other possible agenda topics include: What can we learn from other library cooperative initiatives nationally? Contingency planning for statewide initiatives, and MLA Program Planning.

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