

DALNET STUDY GROUP

Minutes

December 2, 1985

Present: J. Williams (WSU), Chair; L. Bugg (WSU); J. Flaherty (WCCC);  
J. Smith (Beaumont); A. Walaskay (U of D).

1. J. Williams updated the group on NOTIS negotiations. Agreement on most language concerns has been reached and WSU has sent the contract back to NOTIS. Instead of listing each DALNET member by name, the definition was broadened so that "a prospective member must have its main place of business in Wayne, Oakland, or Macomb County". By this definition Eastern Michigan is excluded. If EMU wants to join later negotiations with NOTIS would have to be reopened, and they might be required to pay additional licensing fees.

NOTIS retains the right to deny an extension of warranty to any modifications of the software made by DALNET. However, WSU inserted that if a warranty for modifications is denied, NOTIS must produce a written notice to that effect. L. Bugg felt that a denial to warranty modifications did not mean NOTIS would not still warranty the basic package after modifications had been made.

Lastly, WSU's lawyer has decided that binding arbitration on a \$95,000 contract is not desirable, so that point has been dropped.

2. L. Bugg informed the group that the proposal has come in from Codex with quotes for 4 institutions-- DPL, Oakland, WCCC, and WSU. The price represents a 40% discount. Copies of the proposal will be sent out. Codex is standardized, and WSU is leaning in its favor for this reason.

Telex terminal cost estimates have arrived. WSU is ordering several with ALA character sets for Technical Services.

3. J. Williams reported on the latest discussions between WSU Library and the computing center. Several cost questions were ironed out. Instead of having a separate budget line for overhead, it is being distributed under applicable budget categories including new lines for CSC staff support, WSUL staff support, and SCS space. A revised cost sheet will be passed out at the next meeting. There remain other costs to be settled with CSC. A schedule of depreciation for the IBM mainframe will be built into the service agreement.

A brief discussion on cost for DALNET followed. WSU is still interested in covering 51% of the costs. Implications of this for the system capacity allotments and voting remain unresolved. A subscriber would be spreading its total costs over several years while a contributor could make larger initial capital investments. J. Flaherty expressed concern about the difficulties of "contributors" generating capital funds at a later date to apply toward upgrades with many sources of funds having time limits. Changes in costs occurring in the next phases would be built into costs from the start, using an estimate on what the costs will be. L. Bugg said the accepted estimates for hardware (for upgrades in the third year) are only 75% of present figures.

-- Ann Walaskay, Recorder