

DALNET STUDY GROUP

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Present: J. Williams, (WSU) Chair; F. Buckley (DPL); J. Flaherty (WC3);
E. Hutchinson (OU); B. Johnson (HH); N. Skowronski (UD); J. Smith (WBH).

J. Smith handed out minutes of the October 7 meeting.

A: Jim Williams reported as follows:

1. NOTIS contract. L. Bugg, J. Williams and F. Buckley (for DALNET) reworked the document used as a basis for discussion with J. Burke on Oct. 1 and returned the result of their efforts to Northwestern on October 7. This version is to be checked vs. NOTIS's so that differences in understanding (if any) may be discussed and reconciled before the contract is given legal scrutiny. It is known to have arrived, as is the Library of Michigan's signed contract (LM thus has gained over WSU in the queue for NOTIS's services). The earliest possible time for completion of the process involving 1) WSU's receiving the version acceptable to NOTIS; 2) legal examination for any differences in such items as payment schedules, performance test requirements, etc.; 3) WSU signature and return to Chicago, would be mid-November. While this would still allow delivery, installation on the CSC 3081 and preliminary testing by the last week in November, meeting this deadline is a little unlikely; slippage would not be surprising.

2. Contacts with Computer Service Center (CSC)

2.a. Personnel for project. CSC has prepared the job posting for the DALNET systems programmer it will require. The job should be posted this week and advertised in local papers. It will pay in the \$40,000 range (including benefits). Art Gloster has also been helpful to Louise Bugg as she prepares the job description for the WSU Library Applications programmer/Systems analyst who will work for her. This job, which will deal exclusively with NOTIS software, will pay in the mid-30's, including benefits and should be able to be filled locally. This person must be on board by Dec. 1 when NOTIS will be loaded. E. Hitchingham and F. Buckley, while realizing the press of time and the WSU pressure to hire from within the university if possible, stressed that hiring a non-local person with prior knowledge of NOTIS and its workings would be very easy at this salary and very advantageous during the implementation process. J. Williams will discuss with L. Bugg and P. Spyers-Duran. The qualifications for this job are already very high, e.g. several computer languages, 3 years' prior experience, supervisory ability. This person, with Denise Taylor who will require extensive NOTIS training, will comprise L. Bugg's staff to begin implementation of NOTIS for WSU and will work in and for the library.

2.b IBM hardware and MVS operating system. IBM has agreed to the transfer of the 4381 from the CSC to the WSU Library and has acknowledged intent for WSU libraries to purchase another MVS operating system package. Mort Rahimi has suggested to P. Spyers-Duran that NOTIS be mounted Dec. 1 on the 3081 where MVS is already installed because it will make for a more orderly transition in the CSC. CSC would have trouble meeting the Dec. 1 deadline to vacate all space on the 4381, but can do it gracefully by March 1, 1986. P. Spyers-Duran has agreed to the initial installation of NOTIS on the 3081 with March 1 migration to the 4381 owned by the Library and dedicated to library-oriented programs. DALNET members expressed some concern over the necessity for this step and its possible repercussions should the 4381's entire capacity not be available for DALNET

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because they want to be part of a regional cooperative system such as DALNET represents unless there is a DALNET to join. In addition to OU's compelling reasons for attention to DALNET's structure, J. Smith brought up the question of fund-raising, which can hardly proceed until we can define what kind of organization we want supported; L. Loke of DPL, who is chair of the fund-raising task force, has repeatedly raised this point. All agreed on the urgency of completing the task. J. Williams will do his best to bring a "shell" of DALNET bylaws and a service agreement October 21 so that discussion may proceed. The prospectus will rest on these elements.

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- C. "Tapes" committee. It will meet next on Monday, Oct. 21 and J. Williams will ask C. Wecker, its chair, to consider costs and implications involved in answering the question, "Is it possible to merge tapes now so that one tape can be converted rather than having to do it step by step as DALNET members actually start to implement automation?"
- D. Handouts. J. Williams handed out a list of NOTIS users as of August 19, 1985 and a copy of the latest NOTIS newsletter, NOTISes. He asked that those that could please fill out and return the 3-page questionnaire starting on p.6.

B. C. Johnson, Recorder