

DALNET Study Group

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NOTIS NEGOTIATIONS

NOTIS negotiations are scheduled to begin on Tuesday, October 1. J. Williams and L. Bugg spent several hours of review time with Julia D. the Wayne State lawyer. This was very productive. Julia suggested that the strategy to be employed should focus on what the true "wishes" for the system were, rather than trying to think beforehand about whether or not NOTIS could do a certain thing. An extensive outline of what they hope to discuss has been prepared.

Negotiations may last for a couple of months. F. Buckley will be representing DALNET at the negotiations.

N. Skowronski mentioned that free training days for DALNET members (in addition to Wayne training) should be stressed.

RECORD PREPARATION

N. Skowronski asked that the Tape Committee be re-activated to look into the cost of preparing joint data bases. There would be a possibility of a joint discount if a package deal could be proposed to BNA. L. Bugg mentioned that the NOTIS system will do smart coding, thus this cost would no longer be part of the proposal. Services needed include dedupping, extraction of serial records from the snapshot tapes, running of tapes against the name and subject authority files, heading flips, and creation of an authority file. The problem of shared or separate authority files would have to be examined by the Tape Committee.

D. Adams asked about methods for getting Botsford's material in the database. Serial records are already in. Two areas would have to be settled, creation of the original database and continuing plans after that time. Botsford would like to "hit" off the local database. This raised the question of costs of OCLC users vs. non-users, and the question of how unique items would be entered into the OCLC database. F. Tucker indicated that there might be some concern if libraries dropped out of OCLC and left larger libraries with potential higher costs as OCLC members. There was some discussion of what OCLC's stance would be on drawing off of the local database for some smaller DALNET participants, and the general consensus was that this is not yet known. There is some difficulty in contacting OCLC to state what DALNET would be doing in regard to original database creation and future additions, since we have not yet resolved this. J. Williams will contact some other networks (Cleveland Public, WOLF, Upper Peninsula) to determine how they are handling input of non-OCLC users.

J. Flaherty asked how long it would take for BNA to work on the tapes. L. Bugg indicated that after local preparation there would be approximately a 6 week turnaround time from BNA. April is a key time for BNA because a new authority tape is loaded then. If Wayne began

A possible indication of how many DALNET members are looking to make some 1986 investment in automation was given by taking a poll around the table. Affirmative responses were given by Beaumont, Botsford, Harper, Oakland, and Wayne County Community College. The University of Detroit would want to seek grant funds first, but is interested in preparing their tapes. Detroit Public Library is still assessing the issue.

It is likely that the Wayne Library will pay off the balance owed to IBM rather than continuing payments for the next several years. The NOTIS system software will be somewhere in the range of \$100,000. The Computing Center will have the licensing agreement. An applications programmer will be hired by the Wayne Library to work with DALNET members; the Computing Center will assist in the hiring process.

#### DALNET ISSUES

There was some discussion of the sequence of events. J. Williams suggested that this might include the development of a prototype service contract, DALNET development of by-laws which would be compatible with a service contract idea, and finally a prospectus for presentation at non-Wayne institutions. F. Tucker asked about input right now, at the point when some important decisions are being made affecting standards and performance, i.e., how can DALNET be sure to be properly involved? B. Johnson indicated that many institutions might need to see some visible protection for themselves in contracting with Wayne. If these "teeth" are missing from the agreement it might be hard to sell to each DALNET member's organization.

#### OTHER

The OPAC Committee will be brought together again to consider the immediate issue of screen reformatting for the NOTIS system. L. Hildebrand (OU) will be added to the OPAC Committee; A. Pogany (OU) will be added to the Tapes Committee.

J. Williams will see about establishing a meeting of the Grants Committee in the near future.

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