

DALNET Study Committee

September 16, 1985

Minutes

Present: J. Williams (WSU) Chair, D. Adams (Botsford), F. Buckley (DPL), L. Bugg (WSU), E. Hitchingham (OU), B. Johnson (Harper), N. Skowronski (UD), A. Walasky (UD).

- I. J. Williams asked for institutional responses to the WSU decision in favor of NOTIS. All present are continuing in the planning process to see what is proposed in terms of governance, fund raising, division of costs (capital vs. operating), and functions. A service bureau arrangement may be satisfactory for some of the hospital libraries. Other libraries are concerned about participation in the decision-making process for the system and minimizing operating costs by raising funds for capital investment.
- II. Oakland University has received bids from CLSI and GEAC which it will be analyzing in comparison with DALNET.
- III. There was extensive discussion of services and functions required by DALNET libraries for participation in the NOTIS system, and the options for the provision of these services under various organizational structures. A network was viewed as necessary for joint fund raising, but the question of whether the network should share ownership of the central equipment or could simply have guaranteed rights of use for a specified time period in order to attract or qualify for grants was uncertain. Whether contracts and services would be provided by the WSU Library or the Computer Services Center is under investigation. There could be one DALNET contract with WSU as the host library, or individual contracts between WSU and each institution (which would have to be bargained jointly to maintain consistency).

Following is a list of DALNET services and functions and who would/could be responsible. Items starred are DALNET services that could be fulfilled by a host institution or by DALNET staff.

<u>Services</u>	<u>WSU Library/CSC</u>	<u>DALNET</u>
Computer system (hardware & software)		
Access	X	
Ownership?		
*DALNET project management (coordinating implementation)		
*Training on system		
*Documentation to use system		
*Consulting on day to day operation		
Telecommunications problems	X (CSC)	
Fund raising		X
Peripheral maintenance	(WSU or dealer?)	
Provide data security	X (System Passwords)	
Programming		
System	X (CSC)	
* Joint applications		
* Individual applications >	Library/CSC/or DALNET	
*Joint purchasing of peripherals		
*Billing		
DALNET management		
Minutes & records		X
Meetings		X
Committees (Standards, Priorities, etc.)		X

IV. Some concerns were raised regarding the WSU Computer Services Center's performance based on comments received by two DALNET libraries. Client reference checks will need to be done and performance guarantees built into service agreements.

V. To prepare for negotiations with NOTIS the evaluation committees are compiling requirements for WSU and DALNET. F. Buckley will participate with WSU in negotiations to represent DALNET concerns.

VI. The next DALNET meeting will be Monday, Sept. 22, 1985 at WSU - Purdy. The agenda will include further discussion of DALNET's organization, system use, and NOTIS functional needs.

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