

## **DALNET Circulation Standards Committee Minutes**

**Meeting:** 4/18/00, Purdy/Kresge Conference Room, WSU, 9:30-12:00.

**Present:** Bradd Burningham (WS), Betty Nelson (UDM), Joanie Emahiser (WBH –RO), Anaclare Evans (DALNET), Joyce Zurel (OCC), Robert Marcelain (DPL).

### **Webpac Request screens Changes – Update**

Bradd informed the committee that the recommended changes to the Webpac request screens had been forwarded to the Webpac committees for both DALNET and WSULS. Wayne is the only DALNET site to use this feature, although others may in the future.

### **Enhancements to Circulation Module – Update.**

Bradd distributed the latest revised list of HUG Circulation Module Enhancement requests. There is a lot of pressure from the HUG Enhancement group to concentrate all enhancements on the Circulation Module this years, so we may see some needed improvements and fixes.

### **Horizon 5.3 Improvements**

Bradd distributed the Horizon Version 5.3 release notes for the Circulation Module, which detail the improvements and fixes which have been achieved in the module for 5.3. Anaclare noted that we are at 5.1 now, and that the improvements will also incorporate any that occurred with the 5.2 Version. It is not necessary to understand all of the technical language in the release notes, but Bradd thought it might be useful information for at least some of the committee members.

### **Reciprocal Borrowing Agreement for Academic sites.**

Bradd distributed the most recent draft of the Reciprocal Borrowing Agreement for Academic sites. This only affects academic DALNET sites. Implementation of this agreement has been in abeyance until the fate of a shared patron database is determined. At the moment, we are still waiting to see what happens with such a database. However, there may eventually be some pressure to find a workaround method to implement the agreement. Bradd thought it might be useful for committee members who may be called upon to put the agreement in place to have some advance knowledge of its details. He stressed that it is still in draft form at the moment, and may yet be revised.

### **E-mail notices – update.**

Bradd and Anaclare outlined their investigations into the possibilities of using e-mail for delivery of Horizon notices. Previously, we had believed that it was not possible to do this on a selective basis, but it appears this may be possible even with our current version of Horizon. Wayne has done some experimenting and testing, and it appears that with

the addition of a small additional piece of software (some freeware is available and also a commercial product) we may be able to achieve this. One issue involves capturing e-mail addresses. Initially, we thought we may need to input these on a one by one basis; however, Wayne is now getting closer to the point where it can do student and staff patron record dumps from other databases on campus, and it appears we may be able to capture e-mail addresses as well with these dumps. Bradd and Anaclare said they would keep the committee apprised of developments on this function.

Speaking of patron database dumps, Anaclare and Bradd updated the committee on Wayne progress in this area. It is very important for Wayne, because the new OneCard which is used as a library card does not provide any indication of expiry date; with the increase in phone or online registration, other proof of registration is not always easy acquire or expect from student patrons. Wayne's experience might prove to be a valuable model for other sites.

Anaclare noted that she and Bob have been working on producing notice mailers at DPL. It looks like Wayne will have to give up on this idea for a variety of reasons.

#### **Electronic reserves – update**

Bradd, Anaclare and Betty updated the committee on activities on a related DALNET Task Force, the one formed to look at the Course Reserves Module. Among other things, the TF looked at shared conventions, enhancement requests, and the need for either a Horizon Electronic Reserves Module or DALNET-wide acquisition of a third-party ER system which could be integrated with Horizon. The TF will be issuing its recommendations within the next month or two and Bradd, Anaclare and Betty said they would keep the committee informed of developments.

#### **Training – Anaclare**

Anaclare noted that a course catalog of DALNET training session is now available on the DALNET Web site. In general, regular classes will occur in Feb., June, and October. Course reserves training will occur in July, since that will give staff training just before the bulk of new reserves start arriving for most sites.

Anaclare provided usernames and passwords for both the DALNET Website and the epixtech site.

**The next meeting will be on Tuesday, June 6, 2000 at 9:30 a.m. in the Purdy/Kresge Conference Room, Wayne State University. Betty Nelson will bring birthday cake.**

Bradd Burningham  
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