HORIZON ACQUISITIONS TASK FORCE

The Acquisitions module of Horizon is still under development. There are many details of its operation that are unknown at this point, and many enhancements have been promised by Ameritech for the near future. In order to further cooperation among DALNET libraries who will be migrating to this module, the DALNET Steering Committee recommends the creation of the Horizon Acquisitions Task Force. This Task Force would report through the Steering Committee for the duration of the Horizon project.

Proposed Charge

The Horizon Acquisitions Task Force is charged as follows:

1) To propose and review the necessity for developing common standards for Acquisitions files and records, including, but not limited to, fund structure and vendor files. Some standards may facilitate using Horizon reports, both the few which seem to be specific to Acquisitions and those available through ReportSmith.

2) To assist the DALNET Systems Office staff in developing Acquisitions standard reports, including, most importantly, Commitments and Expenditures reports.

3) To propose and review standards for consistent WebPAC displays from relevant Acquisitions records.

4) To assist the DALNET Systems Office staff in testing new Horizon releases and enhancements related to Acquisitions when asked to do so.

5) To recommend standards for DALNET libraries' access to acquisitions records of other DALNET members, including purchase orders, receipt information, fund and payment information, and the vendor file.

Matters related to the Serials module, including standards for prediction patterns and holdings records, would not be addressed by the Acquisitions Task Force.

Proposed Composition of the Task Force

It is recommended that the Task Force be composed of representatives from the Detroit Public, University of Detroit Mercy, and Wayne State University Libraries as well as a community college library.

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