

DALNET Steering Committee
October 26, 1998
WSU/Purdy Library

Meeting was called to order at 8:43 a.m.

Members present: L. Bugg; K. Bacsanyi; J. Flaherty; J. Houser; P. Jose; MA Sheble; H. Masek. Members excused: D. Adams.

Guests:

A. Evans/WSU

Shared Patron Database: F. Young; J. Bosler; B. Marcelain; S. Martin

StaffPac: D. Roe

Jose was recruited to take minutes today, Bacsanyi volunteered for the next meeting (11/9).

1) Minutes were accepted as distributed. Discussion followed on Jan Sheppard's visit this week. Need to resolve UDM problems before the next group goes live.

2) Discussion with Patron Database TF....

Bugg began by presenting 3 possible options...

1-single shared patron file

2-big shared file + individual files (by institution)

3-just individual files

For #2...need to determine what needs to be in each.

Uses of patron db include...circulation; patron empowerment; authentication.

Discussion followed on the reasons for a shared patron db (authentication; input record sharing; purpose for DALNET).

Bugg pointed out that in order to get to #2, we may have to proceed in stages.

Advantages & Disadvantages ...

Single Shared Patron File

ADV:

✓Enables single patron ID

DISADV:

✓Difficulty matching for single patron record (SSN match)

✓Current Horizon requires uniform borrowing privileges

✓Run day's end in coordination

✓Transaction load for circ?

✓Current Horizon has notices by patron file/
multiple versions

**This option would need system wide consensus and rules.

Shared Patron DB + Individual DB

ADV:

✓Day's end done individually

✓Most flexibility for user
variation of service

DISADV:

✓Security for staff to input/edit

✓Still needs matching for single patron record

✓Loading records twice

✓ Fees local
✓ Blocks local
**Discussed where RSS would fit...Relationship to WebPac including connections to other Z39.5 sites..."Token" established for service, not by institution...Common information in shared db/detail in individual db.

Separate Patron Files

ADV:

✓ No problem matching to
create single record

DISADV:

✓ Multiple ID's for authentication and services

Several discussions will be held this week with J. Sheppard on this topic!

3)

a - Children's OPAC - Still recruiting members. Need to meet with Ameritech before finalizing written assignment. Possibility of graduate students assisting in research. No interest from Community Colleges in serving on this group. Appears that final committee will be 2 from DPL & 1 from WSU...possibly add others as needed/interested.

b - ILL/Doc Delivery - Proposed charge (as attached) will be sent to Board. Bugg will accept names for members. If received by 11/1 will also send to Board - if not, then submit via email. Bugg had talked with OCLC staff at the MLA Conference and they were not aware of being contacted by Ameritech. OCLC folks indicated they would check into this. We need to develop a document from the DALNET Board to discuss the relationship between Ameritech and OCLC for testing RSS linking into OCLC ILL.

c - Booking Module - Members: Sharon Phillips/WSU; J. Flaherty/WCCC; + a UDM rep. Information will be "cc'd" to J. Bosler/MCCC. At our next meeting on 11/9, need to develop charge and finalize membership.

d - Implementation Plans - Masek is checking - where are the plans & who are the committee chairs (within Ameritech). Bill Easton forwarded Lana Porter's original email to individuals in the company. Responses are expected this week.

e - NonDisclosure Agreement - Approved by WSU Legal folks. Bugg will verify that P. Brevik has signed the document and that it has been sent to appropriate Ameritech staff.

4)

a - Jan Sheppard Visit -

Monday afternoon - WSU

Tuesday & Wednesday - DPL

Thursday morning - Patron DB TF

Thursday afternoon - Botsford

Friday - UDM

Subjects: Indexing; producing spine labels; Z39 links; need for Windows NT

b - Equipment Orders - WSU getting ready to order 5500's. Specs are being finalized. Houser given copy to review/indicated he needed more information. Have one year warranty. Bugg is investigating purchasing additional maintenance coverage/"silver" level.