DALNET BOARD MEETING
JULY 22, 1990

Present: J. Curtis, M. Klein, S. Martin, J. Flaherty, S. Frankie,

K. Gauri, J. Smith, P. Spyers-Duran

Guests: B. Bontsas, L. Bugg

Jean Curtis, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 10.05AM.
She stated that some additions to the Agenda had been requested. The
Revised Agenda follows:

REVISED AGENDA

I   Approval of minutes of meeting, November 19, 1990

II   DALNET Central Site Equipment update

III   Operating Budget 1992-93

* IV   MDAS decision

* V   Reciprocal borrowing among DALNET libraries

* VI   Election of Officers

* These items were added to the Agenda at the July 22 meeting.

I Minutes of the November 19, 1990 meeting were approved as distributed.

II DALNET Central Site Equipment update. Report by L. Bugg.

Our IBM mainframe has served us well for almost seven years. It is
now operating close to maximum capacity. We have outgrown our operating
system and need better response time. Also, we face increased maintenance
fees as the mainframe gets older. It was decided to order an ES9000 Model
210 from IBM. We got $10,000. on trade-in of the old mainframe. NOTIS
assisted with capacity planning during purchase negotiations. The new
operating system will be an upgrade from MVS/SP to MVS/ESA; the Computing
Center is also migrating to this operating system. The Library will add
tape drives so that it can do DALNET's night processing, ending our depen-

dence on the Computing Center for this function. With this new hardware we shall have greatly expanded memory (from 16MB to 64MB), faster processing (from 2.8 MIPS to 12 or 13 MIPS), and a more efficient operating system.

The Library hopes for an August delivery date since this is traditionally its slowest month. After the new mainframe is installed, the operating system will be changed. There may be some down time. Both old and new systems can be run during the transition; the telecom network should not be affected.

Spyers-Duran stated that we must always keep future equipment needs in mind. How shall we finance our next major upgrade? Bontsas distributed outlines of three different payment plans for machinery that will be needed in five to seven years.

Plan I - Entire amount would be paid in one up-front payment to be made during fiscal year 1992-93. Payment would be made by January 31, 1993. A discount would be allowed on payments received between October 1, 1992 and January 31, 1993.

Plan II - Payments would be spread over five years and would be equal.

Plan III - Payments would be spread over seven years; there would be an interest of five percent per year.

Any money received in advance would be put into interest-bearing escrow. We are concerned here with the cost of the CPU only, not with the cost of storage devices. We assume the cost of computing power will drop.

Board members should be prepared to report their institutions' decisions regarding method of payment by the fall meeting.

III Operating Budget 1992-93

Two versions of the 1992-93 operating budget were presented to the Board. One included the cost of continuing the additional position in the Systems Office and the other did not.   Everyone appreciates the level of support that the additional position has afforded. Board members felt that the many new NOTIS developments expected in 1992-93 more than justified continued support for the position. Gauri moved that support for the additional position in the Systems Office be continued. Frankie seconded the motion. Motion carried. Members should be prepared for a final concurrence on the Operating Budget by the November meeting.

IV MDAS decision - We have received an offer from NOTIS that would allow us to extend an MDAS license to DALNET members if we get the Title II grant. It would pay for a license for all DALNET libraries except Wayne. Spyers-Duran distributed copies of the Acceptance and Payment section of the MDAS contract. If we cannot get a grant, members would be responsible for a$100,000. use fee and an annual maintenance fee of $20,000 as well as the annual subscription costs for each database.

V Reciprocal Borrowing Among DALNET libraries - Reciprocal borrowing privileges among DALNET libraries is a method of resource sharing of great potential benefit to the members. It is, however, a decision which could have a great impact on the internal service economies of the individual libraries.

Compensation from the State of Michigan for lost books may be a possibility if we adopt a reciprocal borrowing policy.

The Collection Access Committee has been collecting data about service and access policies of member libraries. Some libraries have yet

to contribute their data. We need to see all policies to determine how far apart we are. The Collection Access Committee will compile a policy listing by the next board meeting. The Board will consider development of a DALNET Collection Access Policy at that time.

Louise is on a Committee that is working on Circulation policies for the Macomb University Center. This will be a test environment for reciprocal borrowing.

DALNET Members such as Oakland University and Wayne State University can accept reciprocal borrowing immediately; hospital libraries doubt that it is feasible for them.

VI Election of Officers - Moved by Gauri and seconded by Frankie that Election of Officers be held at the next meeting. Motion passed.

After setting November 8 at 9.00AM as the date and time of the next meeting, the members passed a motion to adjourn.

Recorded by:

Joan M. B. Smith
Secretary