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
StafPac: 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:	DISADV:
✓Enables single patron ID	✓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:	DISADV:
✓Day's end done individually	✓Security for staff to input/edit
✓Most flexibility for user variation of service	✓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:	DISADV:
✓No problem matching to create single record	✓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.

c - Rider H - Copies distributed to SC members. Need to review and discuss at our 11/9 meeting to work out a plan for functionality testing. (Note: The "User" is WSU on behalf of DALNET.)

5)

a - StafPac - D. Roe distributed a packet of information from the TF and reviewed it with SC members. The TF is unanimous on recommendations for screens. The TF is hoping for uniformity across DALNET. Roe noted that the Horizon bibliographic record # is NOT displayed in StafPAC...would be helpful/need to add. A. Evans and DPL staff will discuss this with J. Sheppard. Question: who should be able to use/view information in other libraries holdings in the various modules. Consensus was that the TF needs to review all the modules to determine what information staff wants to see in other members records.

b - New TF's - Consensus was that Steve Stelter/IT Director at Walsh College would not be invited to serve on the Technology Issues TF. Membership should be limited to library staff members of DALNET institutions. He will be invited to attend the meeting for DALNET members IT staff. Names of individuals to be considered as Chairs for Acquisitions and Serials were suggested. Bugg will follow up.

c - ISTATS - LC list now expanded for medical (with help from Nancy Bulgarelli). SuDoc istats are generic/seeking uniformity. DPL (as a Regional Depository) can take down farther as needed. Houser will check with Paula Kaczmarek, Government Documents Librarian and report back to Steering Committee.

d - Domain name - Referred to Technology Issues TF. dalnet.com, dalnet.org and dal.net have been taken already.

e - Server Requirements for Authority Resource Database - Bugg is waiting for follow up on server requirements. Will take to DALNET Board on 11/13. Bugg wanted to verify if need more than planned (but doesn't think so).

6)

a - Info Hub Showcase/4-99 - M. Auer & P. Brevik talked to B. Easton & L. Porter regarding this. Bugg will follow up.

b - NetPublisher status - Not a dead issue.