

DALNET Steering Committee
Minutes 1/11/99; 8:30-11:30 a.m.
WSU Libraries
Purdy/Kresge Conference Room

Present: L. Bugg, D. Adams, K. Bacsanyi, J. Flaharty, J. Houser, P. Jose, H. Masek, M. Sheble

1. Minutes of 12/21/98 accepted as distributed.

2. Resource Sharing System (RSS) – Next Steps: The ILL/Doc Delivery TF attended the 12/21 RSS demo at UDM. The SC is waiting for feedback/questions from the TF. Ameritech wants to have RSS up and running for the Catholic Consortium so that it can be shown at ACRL; Ameritech is willing to take responsibility for configuring RSS.

3. NetPublisher Replacement – Next Steps: The purchase agreement for NetPublisher needs to be deleted from the current DALNET-Ameritech contract and the new Horizon image interface will be added to the contract. DPL and UDM are interested in beginning projects a.s.a.p that will use the image interface. There is a question about whether a project could be done in time to have a demo of the interface for ACRL.

4. Cataloging/Authorities TF: The C/A TF recommended for the weekly LCSH update files (weekly) to be loaded into each DALNET library catalog. Ameritech needs to develop the functionality to suppress blind references from the public interface before this will be practical.

5. Horizon Indexes TF: The SC discussed a proposal from K. Tubolino to ask DALNET libraries with medical collections to create an NLM call number index to enable broadcast searching. The VA index will work at the item level; indexes for other libraries would need to work off the bib record. The SC found the proposal acceptable.

6. Technology Issues TF:

Briefing for DALNET library IT personnel is scheduled for 1/19. Information about the briefing was sent to project managers.

The data collection form for contacts (24 hours) for the DALNET Helpdesk was sent via fax and e-mail to project managers.

J. Houser presented a revised draft of the TF recommendations for DALNET Networking Policies. This draft needs to go to the Board for review/approval and to J. Meiers (AADS) for review.

7. Filter Program: A. Evans, R. Call, and M. Sheble did a proposal for a Horizon-OCLC filter program so that item records will be created automatically at the time the records are imported. The proposal needs to go to Ameritech development. L. Bugg and H. Masek will place this issue on their weekly Ameritech conference call.

8. Horizon Migration Updates:

UDM: Index corrections that need to be made have been identified; dates for re-indexing need to be selected. Concern was expressed over the need for Ameritech to conduct a training session for public services personnel. This issue will be placed on the agenda for the next meeting. UDM needs a test file. L. Bugg will place this issue on the list for Tuesday's conference call with Ameritech.

DPL: McGregor Public Library has been brought into the planning process and will be joining DPL personnel in weekly Horizon planning meetings. DPL Circ policies have been reviewed and the item mapping table (9,400 screens) has been completed. DPL has about 128,000 unlinked items in NOTIS. A decision was made to load all items to Horizon and screen them at a later point. DPL hopes to begin the test data load by the end of January. The DPL server was damaged in shipment. A replacement server will be obtained immediately. J. Houser is ready to load DPL's test WebPac to the WebPac server. The server needs to be ordered.

WSU: All bib and item records have been sent to M. Bucholtz. WSU signed off on their indexes.

Botsford: The Horizon client has been loaded to all relevant Botsford pcs and profiling has been completed. A. Fidler is doing a test of authority record extracts so that only relevant authority records are loaded to Botsford's database. D. Adams is waiting for the WSU indexes to be copied to the Botsford database.

Group 3 Libraries: J. Sheppard will be in Detroit during the week of 2/8 to go over profiling with Walsh, OLL, WCC, DIA, and VA.

Frame Relay: Another attempt will be made to get UDM up on frame relay after the separate subnet for DALNET has been setup by the WSU computer center.

9. DPL Service Agreement: The WebMaster and Helpdesk positions have been posted. The order for the HelpDesk server has been submitted.

10. Training: ReportSmith training will be held during the week of 2/8. A decision needs to be made about the responsibilities of DALNET vs. Ameritech for training after the initial "wave" of Ameritech training sessions.

11. DALNET Project Leader: An interview for the DALNET Project Leader position is scheduled for 1/13.

12. OPAC and Media Booking Enhancements TF: A list of TF members will be forwarded to the Board for review/approval.

13. Steering Committee meeting locations:

January 25: Botsford

February 8: UDM

February 22: WCC

March 8: Botsford

March 22: DPL

April 12: WSU

April 26: UDM

14. Winter weather meeting plans: If the weather seems prohibitive for traveling to SC meetings, L. Bugg will leave a message on the DALNET hotline (313-577-4195). H. Masek will arrange a conference call for SC members. Information on the conference call number and passkey will be called in to SC voice mailboxes.

M. Sheble

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