

DALNET Steering Committee Goals October 1, 2000 – September 30, 2001

Mission: The DALNET Steering Committee is responsible for recommending to the DALNET Board of Directors policies, plans and timelines, providing information updates, and oversight of Horizon and related products. It also advises the DALNET systems staff and functional committees in ongoing operations and services.

1. Insure delivery of the DALNET Horizon contractual enhancements
2. Evaluate new *epixtech* products and recommend strategies for implementation to the DALNET Board
3. Attend to problems and concerns with *epixtech* as needed
4. Oversee the continued development of the DALNET Web Site in order to provide: 1) outreach and marketing; 2) linkages for the Im@gine information gateway; and 3) an Intranet for DALNET members and staff
5. Identify interim solutions to Horizon of operational needs for DALNET members, where required.
6. Address policies associated with the use of Horizon and other *epixtech* products
Prepare annual report within two months of the end of the fiscal year
7. Recommend to the DALNET Board appropriate recognition of milestones and accomplishments that occurred during the year
8. Advise DALNET Board on technical, staffing and policy issues related to the incorporation of new members
9. Coordinate improvements in communication and clarify overlap between IHDC and the Steering Committee

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DALNET ENHANCEMENTS SUMMARY REPORT

January 4, 2001

1. Patron Database Enhancement Project Plan

Due to the introduction of new circulation standards and protocols (NCIP), DALNET and *epixtech* are studying options for a new approach to the solution for DALNET's needs. *epixtech* sent a new proposed solution to DALNET on December 21, 2000; forwarded to the DALNET Circulation Standards Committee chair for review.

2. Remote Patron Authentication Enhancement Project Plan

Adriene, Martin, and Leo Papa are working to test and configure this product for use by a single library. DALNET will provide additional functionality requirements needed for consortium use in late January.

3. Shared Authority File Enhancement Project Plan

Ricc Ferrante will send a proposed solution to DALNET by 01/05/01. Task force is prepared to review solution and functional specifications presented by *epixtech*, recommend changes and additions.

4. Children's OPAC Enhancement Project Plan

iPAC has not been officially released, but DALNET is working with *epixtech* staff and testing and installing an evaluation copy of iPAC. The Children's OPAC Task Force will begin to identify screens from other WebPAC and iPAC sites to use as models for a children friendly iPAC. Task Force will review *epixtech's* comments about iPAC and incorporate information from the Search Engine Task Force report into a needs statement. *epixtech* recently provided their target dates for delivering the features identified in the Search Engine Task Force Report.

5. Ad-hoc Reports Security Enhancement Project Plan

epixtech's proposed solution appears to address DALNET's security needs for this enhancement. Implementation to production should be complete in January 2001. Expect to recommend to Board for approval to accept solution and authorize payment in January.

6. Integrated Booking Module Enhancement Project Plan

DALNET reviewed a test database in Provo to identify added functionality required. Task force (with UDM taking a leadership role) has prepared a draft list of functional requirements and task force members are now reviewing them. Steering Committee will review and approve recommendations from Media scheduling Task Force. DALNET plans to have this list completed by 1/15/00.

7. Interlibrary Loan Document Delivery Enhancement Project Plan

The LSTA grant for ILL sharing between DALNET, TLN/OWLS, and SLC has been funded. *epixtech* and DALNET have revisited the approach to this enhancement due to the introduction of new circulation standards and protocols (NCIP). *epixtech* is waiting for DALNET's selection of an ILL product before preparing a solution. ILL Task Force will reevaluate the options for URSA/RSS and grant implications and will begin working on ILL policies and procedures in coordination with the grant process

Horizon Priorities (draft)

#1 Systems maintenance: Includes keeping the infrastructure accessible and running, and hardware and software upgrades. This is considered a core service that must be offered.

#2 Systems support for members: Includes training for new releases, new members, new staff of current members, assistance with implementation of new releases and ongoing support for Horizon work/troubleshooting. Core modules/products supported: Cataloging, Circulation, Serials Control, Acquisitions, Course Reserves, Horizon system Administration, WebPAC/iPAC, ReportSmith

#3 Horizon release 6.0 implementation: It is the consensus of the SC that 6.0 should be recommended as a high priority. As recommended by the SC, planning should begin as soon as approval is obtained by the Board, with a target date of 3/31/00 for having at least one site in production. *epixtech* maintains that numerous functionality problems (dataload and otherwise) will be resolved with 6.0. *epixtech* is pressing the Board to have DALNET install and test 6.0, and deliver held-back payments for DPL and WSU dataloads. *epixtech* also maintains that several DALNET contractual enhancements are not feasible without 6.0 in production. The SC did not prioritize releases 7.0 (5/31/01) and 7.x (4th quarter, 01) because not enough information is available on either to determine if these releases are crucial to DALNET.

#4 iPAC: Since broadcast searching is working in a basic form with WebPAC, the SC perceives less pressure to implement iPAC for broadcast searching. However, iPAC functionality may resolve some of the searching problems for larger databases and will allow DALNET to implement the Horizon 6.0 fix for MARC tags 6xx subfield v. S. Muir noted that testing for iPAC 1.0 could begin as early as January.

#5 New members: Currently, implementations for Sinai-Grace, Marygrove, and Mt. Clemens are pending. It was the consensus of the SC that contractual timelines for new libraries should be respected.

#6 Contractual enhancements: Report security is currently working as projected. The deadline for libraries to make the switch to new Sybase security for library specific access is 12/18/00. The majority of *epixtech*-DALNET work on enhancements completed to date has been "on-paper" and it has been conceptual. Detailed specifications will need to be completed by DALNET task forces and committees.

#7 Implementation of add-on products (epixtech): Examples include the serials binding module, Homebound, Media Booking Module, etc.

#8 Add-on products (non-epixtech): An example is the 3rd party e-mail product being tested at WSU – required to make the Horizon e-mail circulation notice feature operational.