

DALNET New Member Policy Group
Approved at the 25 February DALNET Board meeting

Charge

Based on a Planning Team recommendation at the February 2002 Board meeting, the DALNET Board agrees to convene "DALNET New Member Policy Group," with the following charge:

Deliver a proposed new member recruitment policy by the June 2002 DALNET Board meeting. In developing this proposed policy, the group will address the technical, service, marketing and policy implications of adding new member libraries. Issues to be considered include:

- Does DALNET's current volume-based formula adequately reflect the costs of adding new members?
- How can DALNET write an impact statement for prospective members in terms of each prospect's financial, staffing, equipment and resource implications?
- Should DALNET assess what each prospective member might bring to the consortium, including factors such as each prospect's special contribution, the value of their collection, and the prospective member's benefit to existing DALNET services?
- Can DALNET develop a set of criteria to be used for recruiting prospective members? What factors should play into decisions to approach prospects?
- What is the best process for involving the DALNET Finance Committee throughout the new member recruitment process? At what point should the Board be notified that candidacy discussions are underway with a prospective member?

In preparing its recommendations, this group will confer with the DALNET Finance Committee.

Working group membership: Board member(s) to be announced. Michael Piper, Scott Muir, Dee Callaway and Bob Harris