

Bosler, Jerry

From: Michael C Piper [aj0386@WAYNE.EDU]
Sent: Friday, February 14, 2003 10:59 AM
To: DALNETB@LISTS.WAYNE.EDU
Subject: DALNET Cost Allocation Task Force: Membership benefits

Dear colleagues,

For the Cost Allocation Task Force, I am compiling a list of added values for DALNET membership. Steven and the New Member Task Force have assembled the list below, which is a nice start. Are there other membership benefits you'd like to add to the list below? What makes DALNET membership worthwhile for you?

DALNET Added Values

Hardware/Software Maintenance

- Regular updates of software. Server operations, upgrades.
- Reporting scripts for running ILS statistics developed and shared by members.
- Testing scripts for the ILS developed and shared by members.

Services

- Remote Patron Authentication (RPA) Services, providing remote access of password-protected resources.
- OCLC monograph holdings updates.
- Record loading, for retrocon projects or other bulk purchases of records.
- DALNET Member Services Group and Information Technology Group. The work performed by these groups makes it possible for an institution to run an ILS without having to fund an additional IT staff member.
- Support for digitization projects.

Professional Development

- Training for the ILS and other software used by DALNET.
- Members are afforded the opportunity to stay informed about new developments.
- DHMT and Project Managers consultation - Instant contacts to "figure out" how to do something in Horizon by seeking the help of others who have already done it. These groups are also available for discussion and consultation for any other work that a library may be doing.
- The work of the library professional is made easier through cooperative efforts.

Shared Information Resources

- Access and input to DALNET and DALNET member institution-made databases. Reciprocal borrowing agreements.

- MiLE and other cooperative ILL services

Other DALNET membership benefits

- Promotion in a known library consortium.
- An influential relationship with a major ILS vendor - epixtech.
- DALNET members have the opportunity to make decisions to be part of what is going on. The influence of a consortium has the potential to be much more than that of an individual institution.

Michael C. Piper, Director
Detroit Area Library Network
mcpiper@wayne.edu
313/577-4984