DALNET Finance Committee Meeting Summary

Thursday, 6 June 2002 Wayne State University

Finance Committee recommends payment of outstanding epixtech invoices

After reviewing the DALNET contract billing status for Horizon, the Finance Committee recommends payment of the following invoices to *epixtech*:

| Horizon software Groups 3-5, at \$23,175 per group | \$ 69,526 |
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| URSA software for the MiLE Project | <u>145,000</u> |
| Total of invoices recommended for payment | \$214,526 |

The \$145,000 price for the Universal Resource Sharing Application (URSA) is based on the contract amount for RSS (Resource Sharing System). URSA supercedes RSS.

Once DALNET pays *epixtech* \$145,000 for URSA, *epix* will credit DALNET \$46,000. This credit is for the difference between the \$145,000 purchase price quoted in our contract, and the \$99,000 being credited to MiLE. DALNET may use this credit toward the purchase of *epixtech-*developed products, software, or third-party products sold by *epix*. We must use the credit within two years of the date when the credit is first issued.

Committee recommends approving request from the MiLE Steering Committee

In response to a request from Eileen Palmer and Louise Bugg, the Finance Committee recommends applying up to \$4,500 of the *epixtech* credit toward the costs of having *epix* install the URSA software on the new MiLE server at the Library Network.

Finance Committee reviews FY 2002 financial report

Pronouncing that we're in "good shape," Bob Harris reviewed the financial report, which shows that DALNET expenditures are well below the year-to-date and the overall budget amounts. At its September meeting, the Committee will review an updated financial report and make recommendations on any remaining balance.

Committee begins FY 2004-2005 budget planning

As a first step toward beginning preparation of the 2004-2005 budget, the Committee asked staff to identify big-ticket equipment purchases that may need to be included in the 2004-2005 budget. The Committee also asked staff to:

- Create separate budget lines for supplies, training and travel, which are combined in the current budget.
- Establish an equipment reserve account for replacing DALNET staff equipment on a scheduled basis in the future.

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Committee recommends strategy for DPS Professional Library

Despite repeated attempts, we've had no response from the Detroit Public Schools since their Professional Library closed in October 2000. The Committee recommends advising Dr. Burnley, head of the Detroit Public Schools, that since the DPS Professional Library has been dissolved, and since DPS has not replied to our attempts to reach them, we will consider DPS to have withdrawn from DALNET, unless we hear otherwise from them within 30 business days.

Michael Piper will draft a letter for review by the Committee. Once the Committee approves the letter, it will go out over Sandra Yee's signature.

Committee begins developing draft charge for Executive Committee

In May, the DALNET Board approved a recommendation from the Planning Team to expand the Executive Committee to include the five at-large representatives in the current Budget and Finance Committee. In discussing the charge for this expanded Executive Committee, the Finance Committee reached the following agreements:

- At the 24 June Board meeting, the Committee will invite the Board to discuss roles and responsibilities for the Executive Committee. Issues to be addressed during this discussion include: What responsibilities does the Board prefer to delegate to the Executive Committee? How often does the Board wish to meet in the future? What does the Board think about delegating more responsibility to the Executive Committee and reducing the number of Board meetings?
- Michael Piper will outline a draft proposal for consideration by the Finance Committee. Once the Committee approves this proposal, Michael will send it to the Board.

Next Finance Committee meeting

Thursday, 5 September 2002

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Macomb Community College

Attendance

Patricia Orr, Chair; Margaret Auer, Jerry Bosler, Robert Harris, Phyllis Jose, Nancy Skowronski, Karen Tubolino, and Sandra Yee. Staff: Michael Piper.

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