

Minutes of the DALNET Collection Development Committee
Tuesday, October 27, 1998
9:30-11:30am
University of Detroit Mercy McNichols Library

Present: Jenny Nolan (chair, U of D), Nancy Bulgarelli (Beaumont),
MaryAnne Nagler (OCC), Teresa Prince (MCC)

The meeting began at 9:47am.

Approval of Minutes: Minutes of the October 7, 1998 meeting were not available for approval.

Discussion of Database Subscriptions:

OVID - The sales representative sent a proposal to Jenny based on a subscription for 19 DALNET libraries. Pricing for the WWW version would be \$85,405 for CINAHL with the Nursing Collection (full-text nursing journals), and \$41,424 with the CINAHL database alone.

Every DALNET members would not be interested in subscribing. Jenny will inquire at the November 2nd Project Managers Meeting to see whether there would be interest to go back to OVID for pricing based on a smaller number of subscribers. Nancy requested that pricing also be obtained for MEDLINE through OVID.

CINAHL is free on FirstSearch through AccessMichigan. The OVID interface is much better for searching, but the cost is prohibitive. Some hospital libraries will continue to use the CD-ROM version because it is considerably cheaper than the WWW version.

MDAS databases (WILS, MLAB, ERIC): ERIC and most of the WILS content (except Essay & General Lit., Wilson Biographies and Cumulative Book Index) are currently available free on FirstSearch via AccessMichigan. MLC is currently brokering pricing for MLA subscriptions, as well as some of the Wilson products that are not free. Pricing for continuing with WILS on MDAS, as well as MLAB, should be forthcoming. If WSU is migrating in March, there is some question as to exactly how long the MDAS databases would be available during 1999, provided we continue some subscriptions.

Future Database Subscriptions: Since MLC is acting as broker for electronic databases at a statewide level, it does not make much sense for DALNET to pursue options already being offered through MLC. In the future, if there are databases of specific interest to DALNET members that are not available through MLC, the DALNET CD Committee would pursue it.

DALNET's Role in Future Electronic Resource Acquisition (2nd draft statement to DALNET Board):

The 2nd draft statement was reviewed and changes were suggested. Some discussion ensued about exactly what the CD Committee's role would be in the absence brokering for acquisition of commercially produced databases. Since DALNET will serve as a local information hub, there could be some role for the committee to act as a liaison to promote

databases of local interest produced by DALNET member libraries. Jenny will inquire whether anyone at the Project Manager's meeting has more information to offer about the information hub aspect of the DALNET/Ameritech agreement.

Procedures for DALNET Electronic Resource Trials: The 2nd draft was reviewed. Minor changes were made, in order to include contact with MLC in the process.

Schedule:

The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for the Tuesday, November 24th, 9:30-11:30am at the U-D Mercy McNichols Library. Jenny will email closer to the time of the meeting to confirm and offer an agenda.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:55am.