

DALNET STUDY GROUP
Minutes
October 21, 1985

Present: J. Williams (WSU), Chair; F. Buckley (DPL); J. Flaherty (WCCC); B. Johnson (Harper); N. Skowronski (U of D)

B. Johnson distributed minutes of 10/14/85 meeting. The minutes included the incorrect date of 10/10/85.

J. Williams opened the meeting with a discussion of the absent Study Group members. Most absent members had called J. Williams but others had not. Should our former "buddy system" be reactivated? Concern was expressed that some members are consistently absent. In addition, J. Williams reported that two of the absent members, Sinai and Mt. Carmel, had not yet paid the last \$500 installment to cover attorney fees.

B. Johnson asked for a financial update on DALNET. J. Williams reported that as of August 31, 1985, DALNET had a balance of \$7823.00. Jerry Alt, DALNET's attorney, has not yet been paid. Dick Boss was paid in full during Summer 1985. Jim will give the DALNET Study Group a full accounting on DALNET's finances when September figures are available.

J. Williams distributed the September WSU Automation Progress Report.

F. Buckley raised the question of using social security numbers on patron records. While in Washington, D.C., Fran learned that using social security numbers is a violation of the Privacy Act, but there is no enforcement mechanism tied to the act. DALNET could use social security numbers, but would be liable if sued. Fran cautioned DALNET against their use. J. Williams will check on this issue with WSU legal counsel and urged other DALNET members to do the same.

NOTIS Update: The contract was in the hands of the WSU legal staff. L. Bugg and J. Williams met with CSC staff to determine questions for CSC staff to take on their site visit to University of Illinois-Chicago, a MVS site.

F. Buckley noted that the contract had been returned from NOTIS with a concern about contract language that the system is warranted "... as fit for purposes described". Fran expressed that he is concerned that this does not include performance issues--only the quality of the system itself. DALNET urged that this language be made clearer.

J. Williams stated that the contract should be signed and out of WSU within one week's time.

D. Adams called the UPRLC to determine how non-OCLC members were going to load their bibliographic data into the joint database. Debbie was told that these members intended to "hit" against the UPRLC database and not inform OCLC. The DALNET Study Group needs to address this problem soon.

J. Williams distributed a draft DALNET Online System Agreement. Several typos were noted by Jim:

p.3: #3(e), last line: delete second "by".

p.5: (c), last line: **Downtime** should read **downtime**.

Exhibit "C", p.4, 3.04: line 6 should read "Equipment shall not exceed amounts actually being charged to other DALNET ... "

Exhibit "C", p.5, 4.03: line 1 should read "All maintenance for the equipment will be provided from the WSUL ... "

Exhibit "C" A-1: all prices quoted are for example only.

Exhibit "D", By-laws Article VII, Section 1: line 3 should read "advisory board from member libraries ... "

A discussion on DALNET's organization was held. Several questions regarding ownership of the equipment were raised. The draft agreement makes no mention of the option of ownership. If a DALNET member chose to make such a capital investment, what exactly would they own? Equipment? Capability? Votes? If other DALNET libraries jointly own the equipment, they become "investors" with WSU, therefore, WSU would no longer be sole owner as proposed in the draft agreement.

An additional incentive to DALNET members to become joint owners or investors would be the eligibility of grant funding to DALNET.

Meeting adjourned 11:00. Next meeting October 28, 1985, 9:00 A.M., WSU, Director's Conference Room.

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