

Information Hub Development Committee
Minutes
February 5, 2002
Detroit Public Library

Present: Dee Callaway, Chair; Willy Cromwell-Kessler, George Libbey, Sandra Martin, Scott Muir, David Murphy, Karen Tubolino, Ann Walaskay, Jackie Wrosch

Minutes - Minutes of December 19, 2001 approved as Corrected

Review of Board Activity

Finance Committee approved budget for DALNET training workshops

Finance Committee recommendations: define specific objectives for each workshop, establish DALNET metadata guidelines; determine software requirements to mount digitization projects.

PROJECT UPDATE

IHDC members confirmed vote to approve \$15,000 award for the Virtual Motor City project

K. Tubolino reported results of meeting with law librarians on the Supreme Court database. Librarians are expected to work on further defining the project.

DALNET Website

IHDC members discussed the new and improved website. Members applauded Jackie Wrosch for her hard work.

Committee will consider content and goals for the IHDC page. Topics for further discussion include purpose, format, and public vs. protected internal sections. The AMICO (Art Museum Image Consortium [<http://www.amico.org/info.html>]) was mentioned as an interesting example.

ACTION: W. Cromwell-Kessler to send address for AMICO site to J. Wrosch.

ACTION: J. Wrosch will provide mock-up for IHDC site at 2/20 meeting.

COMMITTEE GOALS

IHDC reviewed over arching goals statement. These general goals will be presented to the DALNET board and Michael Piper. Committee members discussed an IHDC annual report as well.

ACTION: D. Callaway will further revise goals based on discussion and send to M. Piper.

ACTION: IHDC annual report will include an evaluation piece (what we have learned)

WHAT IS IHDC GATEWAY VS? PORTAL?

Committee members discussed current differences in terminology. Members agreed on using "Information Gateway" and the IBM definition of "portal" as more representative terms.

IBM -- "Portals provide a secure, single point of interaction with diverse information, business processes, and people, personalized to a user's needs and responsibilities...."

INFORMATION Gateway -- "a quality controlled information service that provides links to numerous other sites or documents on the Internet; includes a selection of resources according to a published quality and scope criteria;

intellectually assigned keywords or controlled terms; intellectually constructed browsing structure/classification and can include manually generated (bibliographic) metadata."

ACTION: IHDC discourage use of "hub" in discussion and documentation with justification for change.

WORKSHOPS

Committee members finalized details for workshop series and reviewed costs. There will be no charge to representatives from DALNET institutions and they will have first choice for sessions with limited seating

ACTION: The following fee structure was approved.

- Copyright/licensing \$15.00 / non-DALNET
- Intro to Digitization \$15.00 / non-DALNET
- Intro to Metadata
- Project Building \$15.00 ½ day / non-DALNET
\$25.00 full day / non-DALNET

ACTION: W. Cromwell-Kessler will develop a generic evaluation sheet that will include the question "what would you like to see?"

ACTION: W. Cromwell-Kessler will investigate rescheduling Workshop#3 to March 22, 2002 and request Walsh College, Troy host the session.

ACTION: Announcements will be distributed describing the entire series. Additional notices will be sent shortly before each workshop.

ACTION: At the end of the series the IHDC will evaluate overall effectiveness and determine further training needs.

WEBFEAT

Scott reported results of several interviews at ALA mid-winter about the WebFeat translation engine. "WebFeat offers an engine that can translate a common set of library-determined searches into the native mode (or Z39.50 mode) of any search the library wants to include in this (potentially) "one search searches all" tool. Other vendors include the Sea Change Corporation through WebClarity, a new browser-based gateway for searching multiple Z39.50 resources, MuseGlobal, and Fretwell-Downing, through its family of "Z" tools: ZPortal, Z2Web, and Z'mbol.

ACTION: S. Muir will request more information from WebFeat and other developers.

Next meeting: February 20, 2002 at OCC Southfield Campus.