

LIBRARY AUTOMATION PLANNING GROUP

Progress Report

May 1984

1. LAPG-

The Library Automation Planning Group held Monday meetings from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon.

Agendas for the meetings were:

- April 30 reviewed Section 7, Hardware of the Request for Proposal (RFP) draft.
- May 7 reviewed Section 8, Software, of the RFP draft.
- May 21 reviewed Section 1, Bidding Information, of the RFP draft.
- May 29 reviewed Section 2, General Information, of the RFP draft.

The Wayne State members of the LAPG continued to meet on Fridays from 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon to work on specific implementation plans for Wayne State.

2. DALNET-

The group of DALNET library representatives expanded by two hospital librarians, one from Botsford General Hospital and one from Children's Hospital. Both are members of the SMALNET hospital library network that has been participating in DALNET planning.

The DALNET group initiated a letter of intent that was sent to each participating library by Peter Spyers-Duran. The letter asked for an initial commitment to future network planning including the release of library statistics for the RFP document, the release of staff to continue to work on network planning, and a contribution of \$500.00 to obtain the services of a consultant.

A revised summary of the automation project was attached to the letter.

To date, eight libraries signed, or indicated their intent to sign, the letter, including one additional member of SMALNET, Sinai Hospital. Only one hospital library is still uncommitted.

The group also contacted four potential library automation consultants to review the RFP document prior to its distribution to vendors.

3. RFP progress -

Final written comments on the functional specifications were submitted by LAPG members. Sections 1,2,7, and 8 of the RFP, including bidding and general information and technical specifications, were drafted and reviewed by the LAPG. Sections 9 and 10, Documentation, Training, and Statistics, will be discussed in early June.

The entire RFP should be completed and ready for review by the WSU Steering Committee during the second week of June. It will also be sent to a library automation consultant for a critique that week.

The goal is to have the RFP finalized and ready to send to the selected vendors in early July, after the annual American Library Association meeting held in late June.

4. OCLC archive tape preparation-

Information has been gathered on vendors who offer tape preparation services. BNA, Blackwell North America, is emerging as the vendor of choice. Since BNA has not yet completed the approval backrun project using 25 of WSUL's tapes, we can delay making a decision on their tape services until after ALA. Further information will be gathered at ALA.

This delay gives us time to have BNA run a sample of 500 of WSUL's pre-AACR2 records against their authority files. The sample will give us needed information about BNA's authority file building services.

5. Retrospective conversion of bibliographic records-

Technical Services staff are continuing with testing of the Recon procedures. Seventeen people have now been trained. Problem areas in the procedures have been identified and are being solved. The current REcon production rate is up to 18 or more titles per hour. Out of a total of 16,000 shelf list cards examined, over 6,000 have been converted via OCLC.

6. Borrower I.D. cards-

R. Nuffer has continued as the Libraries representative to the University-wide Task Force. He is working with Media Services staff to design a "temporary" ID card to be used with the Library's circulation system.

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