COALITION FOR NETWORKED INFORMATION

To Advance Scholarship
and Intellectual Productivity

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THE COALITION FOR NETWORKED INFORMATION

names its

DIRECTOR AND STEERING COMMITTEE

"The Coalition has a unique opportunity to play a major role in the reform and enrichment of learning, teaching, and research in the 21st Century by reshaping the informational infrastructures of a significant group of higher education institutions while working in close cooperation with a wide array of scholarly, scientific, commercial, and governmental constituencies."

Thus remarked Paul Evan Peters, Senior Program Officer for Technology of the Association of Research Libraries (ARL), upon his appointment as Director of the ARL / CAUSE / EDUCOM Coalition for Networked Information.

Formed in March and comprised by the Association of Research Libraries (ARL), CAUSE, and EDUCOM, the Coalition strives to advance scholarship and intellectual productivity by promoting access to information resources through existing networks and the proposed National Research and Education Network (NREN). Using networks to link libraries and, thereby, library constituencies is an important early priority of the Coalition.

The work of the Coalition is accomplished by a Task Force composed of institutions that belong to ARL, CAUSE, or EDUCOM and other affiliated organizations. Nearly seventy institutions and organizations have committed to joining the Coalition's Task Force. Generous contributions to the Coalition have been received from four sponsors: Apple Computer, Digital Equipment Corporation, IBM, and Xerox.

Each member of the Coalition's Task Force will name two individuals, in most cases their senior administrator of libraries and their senior administrator of information technologies, to coordinate its participation. The organizational meeting of the Task Force will be held in Washington, DC on the evening of June 5 and the day of June 6, 1990.

Mr. Peters will bring a wide range of educational and professional experiences to bear upon the program of the Coalition for Networked Information –

- He was awarded a BS in Computer Science and a BA in Philosophy by the University of Dayton in 1969, a MLS by the University of Pittsburgh in 1979, and a MS in Sociology by Columbia University in 1986.

- His most recent work assignments were as Systems Coordinator for The New York Public Library from May 1987 through February 1990 and as Systems Development Coordinator and then Assistant University Librarian for Systems for Columbia University Libraries from August 1979 through April 1987. He also worked for the University of Pittsburgh in various capacities from 1970 until 1979 and for the National Cash Register Corporation as a Retail Systems Engineer in 1969 and 1970.

- He is currently Chair of the National Information Standards Organization, Chair of the Imagineering Interest Group of the Library and Information Technology Association, Principal Representative of the American Library Association to Accredited Standards Committee X3 (Information Processing Systems), and a member of the Editorial Board of *Information Technology and Libraries*. He is also a member of the Association for Computing Machinery, the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers, and the American Society for Information Science.

Mr. Peters will report to Ken King, President of EDUCOM, Jane Ryland, President of CAUSE, and Duane Webster, Executive Director of ARL, with Mr. Webster administering the day-to-day operations of the Coalition and with ARL housing the Coalition's offices.

Mr. King, Ms. Ryland, and Mr. Webster have also named a nine person Steering Committee of the Coalition. Richard West, Associate Vice President of the University of California System, was named as Chair of the Steering Committee. Other people named to Steering Committee are --

William Arms
Vice President, Academic Services
Carnegie Mellon University

Susan Brynteson
Director of Libraries
University of Delaware

Nancy Cline
Dean of Libraries
Pennsylvania State University

Robert Heterick, Jr.
Vice President for Information Systems
Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University

Ronald Larsen
Associate Director of Libraries for Information Technology
University of Maryland

Tom West
Assistant Vice Chancellor, Computing and Communications Resources
California State University System Office

Jerome Yavarkovsky
Director
New York State Library

A. Jerome York
Interim Chief Information Officer
University of Cincinnati

Director and Steering Committee of the Coalition for Networked Information:

"This Coalition represents a strategic esponse to the growing awareness in the ARL, CAUSE, and EDCOM constituencies that telecommunications networks are an increasingly important component of the infrastructures that we manage for our shared constituencies. The Coalition is very fortunate to have attracted Mr. Peters, Mr. West, and the other eight members of the Steering Committee to leadership roles in its program."

MEMBER INSTITUTIONS AND ORGANIZATIONS

American University
Brown University
California State University System
Carnegie Mellon University
Columbia University
Cornell University
Duke University
George Washington University
Georgetown University
Georgia Institute of Technology
Harvard University
Indiana University
Iowa State University
Johns Hopkins University
Lehigh University
Library of Congress
Massachusetts Institute of Technology
Miami University of Ohio
Michigan State University
National Agricultural Library
National Library of Canada
New York Public Library
New York State Library
OCLC, Inc.
Ohio Library and Information System
Ohio State University
Oklahoma State University
Pennsylvania State University
Queen's University
Research Libraries Group, Inc.
Rice University
Rutgers University
Smithsonian Institution Libraries
Southern Illinois University
Stanford University
State University of New York at Binghamton
State University of New York at Buffalo
Syracuse University
Texas A & M University
University of California, Berkeley
University of California, Davis
University of California, Irvine
University of California, San Francisco
University of California, Santa Barbara
University of California System

University of Cincinnati
University of Colorado
University of Delaware
University of Hawaii
University of Illinois at Urbana
University of Iowa
University of Kentucky
University of Maryland
University of Michigan
University of Minnesota
University of Nebraska -- Lincoln
University of New Mexico
University of Notre Dame
University of Oklahoma
University of Pennsylvania
University of Pittsburgh
University of Tennessee
University of Washington
University of Western Ontario
University of Wisconsin
Vanderbilt University
Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University
Washington University in St. Louis
Wayne State University
West Chester University
Wright State University

Committed to Joining the Coalition as of May 4, 1990 at 9:00 a.m.

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BACKGROUND INFORMATION

ASSOCIATION OF RESEARCH LIBRARIES (ARL)

The Association of Research Libraries is an organization of the major research libraries in the United States and Canada. ARL became an active participant in the NREN arena early in 1989 with the co-sponsorship of National Net '89, the "annual forum in which the NREN partnership among education, government and industry is being forged." Telecommunications and networking were targeted as new portfolio issues for the Association in 1989. The ARL Task Force on Telecommunications was approved by the Board in May 1989 and appointed soon thereafter. The task force is charged to examine and evaluate the implications of the NREN for research libraries. It has planned two sessions for the upcoming EDUCOM Net '90 program, met with key congressional staff on telecommunications issues, and is preparing an ARL statement on the role of libraries in the emerging network infrastructure. ARL staff (Prue Adler) and some ARL task force members participated in the EDUCOM Networking and Telecommunications Task Force (NTTF) discussions of the design and development of NREN. Impetus for the Coalition grew out of these discussions.

CAUSE

CAUSE, the association for the management of information technology in higher education, has historically addressed issues of networking and telecommunications in its publications, conferences, and information exchange activities. The CAUSE National Conference, each year for many years, has included a special track with presentations on management issues regarding networking and telecommunications on campus. In addition to regular articles on related topics in the association's quarterly magazine, *CAUSE/EFFECT*, entire issues have periodically been devoted to networking and telecommunications. The CAUSE Exchange Library includes many strategic plans for telecommunications contributed by CAUSE member institutions. In 1989 and in 1990, CAUSE co-sponsored EDUCOM's National Net Conference, and in 1989 joined the NTTF with Jane Ryland, CAUSE President, identified as its representative. More recently, issues involving library automation, especially the converging interests of libraries and information technology organizations, have prompted special seminars, conference sessions, and *CAUSE/EFFECT* articles.

EDUCOM

EDUCOM is a nonprofit consortium of colleges, universities, and other institutions founded in 1964 to facilitate the introduction, use, and management of information technology in higher education. EDUCOM has played an active part in the development of campus networking for over twenty years. In addition to publications, seminars, and conferences, it created and operated EDUNET in the late 1970's and early 1980's as a means for institutions to share computing resources and applications. In 1985, a number of university members of EDUCOM formed the Networking and Telecommunications Task Force (NTTF) to address common interests in the evolution of computer-based-networks and telecommunications systems. In 1987 testimony to Congress, EDUCOM proposed the creation of a National Research and Education Network (NREN). This concept, which was independently under development by federal agencies, has been adopted and is contained in pending federal legislation. Drawing on the experiences of NTTF member schools, EDUCOM published "Campus Networking Strategies" in 1988. Beginning in 1988, EDUCOM has organized and co-sponsored a series of annual conferences devoted to the national network. EDUCOM's interest in forming the Coalition was shaped by the work of its NTTF Network Resources committee and its educational uses of technology program.