Committee members present included Jane la Plante, Kathy Enger, Jan Wysocki, W.L. Gardner, Tony Stukel, and Traci Juhala.

The meeting began at 10:00am.

**Agenda item 1:** Review of new draft of the web page (W.L.)

W.L. demonstrated the added features of the revised page, and discussion ensued regarding further changes.

Four buttons were added across the top of the computer image:
- WebPALS and InfoTrac
- Tutorial
- Eres
- Patron Info

It was immediately agreed upon that WebPALS and InfoTrac should be changed to Resources, which will link to a page that lists:
  1- Books = ODIN-WebPALS, Minnesota/NDSU WebPALS, and netLibrary
  2- Articles = InfoTrac, Bell&Howell/Proquest

Brief description will be written for each resource. Jane will pull them off of the Licensed Resources page.

It was also agreed upon to link “Patron Info” to the WebPALS patron information page, and provide information about getting a library card elsewhere.

Everyone agreed that the most important first step for students is to obtain a library card, so it was suggested that we have on the main page a statement such as: “To obtain library services, click here to select your home campus.” With a HOME CAMPUS button below.
This will mean the mission statement must be moved to the Mission page. The page which the Home Campus button links to will list all 5 home campuses with links to their off-campus services homepages. There was some discussion about the Library Map page. W.L. has colored the A.A. home campuses in red, and left all other NDUS libraries yellow. It was decided to keep the Library Map page as a link from the main page. There was some discussion also, as to whether we should provide links to other multitype library catalogs from these pages, but it was decided to hold off for now, and let individual libraries provide links from their own home pages.

This discussion then led to Kathy’s sharing with us the NDSU database index which lists all journals with full-text access online. Everyone was impressed!!

**Agenda item 2:** Review of home campus page (Jan)

Jan talked about MISU-Bottineau’s new off-campus services page. Everyone agreed that it looked good. Traci reported that BSC’s page is nearly ready to go. No news yet from the other 3 campuses.

**Agenda item 3:** Discussion of online tutorial (Char)

Char was not able to attend the meeting. Traci reported that her attempts to work with Viewlet Builder had been mostly unsuccessful, and she had concerns about how slow the playback was. Others had similar concerns that students might not find the tutorial user-friendly. Kathy said she would mention this to Char. W.L. then reported that he was hoping to get software called MacroMedia Director which would allow for creation of a more user-friendly tutorial. Kathy again said she would mention this to Char.

Kathy then handed out the grant which Char has been working on. The grant concerns integration of an online library tutorial into University 189 and English 110 and 111 course work.

**Agenda item 4:** Plan for April 19 meeting

Jane suggested the entire committee meet from 9:30-11:30am on April 19 in Grand Forks. Discussion will focus on the home campus links, mentor relationships, and development of the online tutorial.
Agenda item 5: Other

Eres Demo: Rodney Salazar will present a demonstration of Eres over IVN on Thursday, March 29, for all academic library directors and other interested parties. Tony averaged the cost of Eres out at about $3,000 a year per library to maintain, plus a $5,000 initial cost. Jane recommended that libraries purchase DocuFax, an optional module which allows you to convert a document into a .pdf file by fax, and also, the Document Delivery module.

There will be some discussion about going in as a group of libraries to reduce costs. Jane suggested one disadvantage of being a group is that each library has less control over management of the reserve materials. Tony suggested one advantage in being a group would be reduced cost.

Virtual Library: Tony discussed his idea of a virtual library concept for ODIN. He talked about setting up the Select Library page on each library’s server, so that each library could make decisions about how to label resources, etc.

Jane suggested ND libraries should go in together to finance the databases we could all share. Further discussion of legislative developments ensued.

The meeting adjourned at 1pm.

Submitted by Traci Juhala, March 30, 2001