

The Task Force on Video Conferencing at DØ

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Creation

Task force was formed Nov 19th.

Our Charge is

- * understand the needs for videoconferencing within D0 and the problems with the present situation
- * understand the technical issues to the extent that they constrain what we can or should do (for example, ISDN vs. IP conferencing, limits of ESNET)
- * make recommendations to the spokespeople as to what D0's strategy should be for the next 12 months. This should cover recommended equipment purchases, possible improvements to the meeting rooms and configuration of the meeting room proposed for DAB, and sociological or organizational changes.

Membership and Timescale

Membership:

Chair: Sarah Eno

Ursula Bassler

Ron Lipton

Tom Marshall

Gordon Watts

Timescale:

Report due end of January

Methods

Consult ourselves: our own biases

Consult with video experts: Sharon Hagopian, Sheila Cisko

See what other collaborations do: CMS, Babar, CDF, ATLAS

Solicit your opinions: mailing to the IB

If you want to improve video conferencing at DØ, it is very important that you give input to your IB member, and make sure they respond to the survey. We can only bring about change if we can show there is a strong mandate from the people! (or send mail to me, eno@physics.umd.edu)

Let us know what you think, so our report can accurately reflect the needs/wants of the collaboration.

Current Ideas

A very rough draft of our report can be found at:

<http://www2.physics.umd.edu/~eno/junk/videotf.doc>

Or

videotf.pdf

Its very preliminary, so I don't want to discuss what's in it now, but take a look if you want, and send comments.

The following transparency is Sarah Eno's own personal bias, and does not reflect the opinions...

I personally think we need much better video conferencing. And, I don't think that remote users should be ashamed or reluctant to ask for it (though, they should be willing to help pay for it)

- 1) Its your experiment, too!! It does not belong to the people at the lab. You worked hard on it.
- 2) DØ needs you, whether they know it or not! They will benefit from your involvement. You are not dead wood!
- 3) Demanding increased documentation will benefit the experiment. It will make papers easier to write, and will help the experiment to catch errors earlier.
- 4) Its not that hard, and on the absolute scale, doesn't cost that much.

Stand up for your rights!!! Demand better video conferencing today! Demand all talks be in electronic format, and be posted before the meeting!!