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Alan,

Continuation of last message.

I think a membership fee that gives a basic service plus options for regional development.

I see it as most important that the mechanism for the formation and formal recognition of regions be worked out. Regions should be represented on the AARNet board of management, but this will change the present constitution of the Board. I can see resistance to this from Mularvey who has moved to get DVC's and PVC's on to the board.

One way may be to have myself recognised as representing the Qld region and Iain Morrison the Vic region etc. When we are rotated of the board (end of this year I think) we get replaced by elected representatives of our regions - not by AVCC appointees.

There also needs to be a mechanism for regions to negotiate shared developments with AARnet; the current microwave proposals may become a case in point.

I see a possible future need for two classes of AARnet membership. A foundation membership for existing Unis and an ordinary (more expensive) membership for others that carries representation on the board. This would have been appropriate for CSIRO and could also be necessary for eg a major TAFE involvement. Of course the Associate membership (or is it Affiliate) must be better defined as we discussed.

HEY! The line seems to be OK this morning but I'll break here just in case and continue in another message.

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