



40th IPTC ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2005

held at the
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6th to 9th June 2005

Minutes of the NewsCodes Working Party held on 7th June 2005

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Present:

Chairman: John Minting, United Press International

Walter Baranger, New York Times Company
 Scott Calder, Mainstream Data Inc.
 Dominic Chan, CNW Group Ltd.
 Shun-Ping Chen, Deutsche Presse-Agentur GmbH
 Dave Compton, Reuters Limited
 Honor Craig-Bennett, PA NewsLtd
 Takahiro Fujiwara, EAST Co. Ltd
 Andy Gleeson, BBC Monitoring
 Stéphane Guérillot, Agence France Presse
 Darko Gulija, HINA
 Paul Ian Harman, PA NewsLtd
 Geoffrey Haynes, The Associated Press
 Kelvin Holland, Harris and Baseview
 Rudi Horvath, Austria Presse Agentur
 Chris Hugh-Jones, Fingerpost Ltd
 John Iobst, Newspaper Association of America
 Hugh Johnstone, IPTC
 Olli Kemppainen, Oy Suomen Tietotoimisto
 Zoltan Kirchknopf, Magyar Távirati Iroda Rt
 Michael Steidl, IPTC Managing Director as Secretary

Dean Large, Business Wire
 Laurent Le Meur, Agence France Presse
 Harald Löffler, ifra
 Jayson Lorenzen, Business Wire
 Angelo Marrara, ANSA
 Peter Müller, SDA/ATS
 Stuart Myles, Dow Jones & Company
 Jean-François Richard, Agence France Presse
 Hitoshi Saito, Nihon Shinbun Kyokai
 Tetsuya Sato, Nihon Shinbun Kyokai
 Masaki Satsuka, Nihon Shinbun Kyokai
 Wade Sendall, New York Times Company
 Hiroshi Shinotsuka, Kyodo News
 Henrik Stadler, Tidningarnas Telegrambyrå
 Tom Taylor, PR Newswire
 Evi Varsou, Athens Technology Center S.A.
 Misha Wolf, Reuters Limited

1 Minutes of the Meeting held on 5th March 2005 (NCD0504.1)

It was proposed by Walter Baranger and seconded by John Iobst that the minutes be accepted as circulated. This was agreed unanimously.

2 Matters Arising

The Chairman said:

- the Change Management Guidelines were published
- a document on NewsCodes in (NewsML 1) TopicSets was published on the NewsCodes web page (www.newscode.org)

3 Chairman's report

The Chairman said the work of the past months focussed on cleaning up minor issues with Subject NewsCodes and on adding translations.



4 Approval of submissions:

4.1 Subject NewsCodes: NCD0506.2

MOTION: To add the proposed changes of NCD0506.2 to the Subject NewsCodes.
This was moved by John Minting and seconded by Dean Large.

Discussion:

Misha Wolf asked if “in regards to” is perfect English – or should it be “regarding”?
It was found this is good English.

VOTE: On vote by voice the motion was agreed unanimously.

4.2 Subject Qualifier NewsCodes: NCD0509.1

The Chair said he received a comment on NCD0509.1:

To change “concern” to “pertains to”
and he asked for further comments of the Working Party.

The Chairman explained this submission is to repair an existing problem: a qualifier for the gender is needed not only for sports. Hence he proposed informally at the Spring meeting to add qualifiers to the virtual Subject “00” – and this would allow to apply these qualifiers to Subjects – except sport.

4.3 Subject NewsCodes: NCD0510.1

MOTION: To add the proposed changes of NCD0510.1 to the Subject NewsCodes.
This was moved by John Minting and seconded by Honor Craig-Bennett.

Discussion:

Walter Baranger asked whether it was a good idea to include the NGO there as they are already a Subject Detail to the NewsCodes.

Darko Gulija proposed to exclude NGOs from the explanation.

Walter Baranger and John Minting agreed.

Darko Gulija said deprecating the code 11014000 will cause HINA a lot of trouble as they have assigned this code to all news regarding the European Union, making for redundancy.

It was discussed extensively if this problem could be solved by a simple change of the wording, but none of the options proposed would solve HINA’s problem.

It was explained that the old code would not disappear but must not be used again in the future so that reference could still be made to the code and its explanation.

VOTE: On vote by voice the motion was carried by a majority, 1 vote against and 2 abstentions.

The Chairman said he will make an inclusive motion for all three submissions to the Standards Committee.

5 NewsCodes translations - update

The Chairman said new translations are available:

- in German for the Subject -, the Subject Qualifier -, the Genre -, and the Scene NewsCodes
- in French the Subject NewsCodes will be updated to V15 soon.

Stéphane Guérillot said he was at LUSA, the news agency of Portugal, where they volunteered to make a translation of the Subject NewsCodes into Portuguese.



Action ● The Managing Director when asked to provide a translation tool said the NewsCodesViewer is appropriate for this task.

6 Any Other Business

There was no other business.

7 Date and Place of Next Meeting

24 – 26 October 2005, Milan, Capitol Millenium Hotel

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