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Present:

Chairman: Alan Karben, XML Team Solutions, Inc.

Najeh Al-Dulaimi, KUNA
Khalid Al-Haqhaq, KUNA
Walter Baranger, New York Times Company
Scott Calder, Mainstream Data Inc.
Dominic Chan, CNW Group Ltd.
Dave Compton, Reuters Limited
Honor Craig-Bennett, PA NewsLtd
Jean-Pierre Evain, EBU
Willis Fong, Canadian Press
Takahiro Fujiwara, EAST Co. Ltd
Andy Gleeson, BBC Monitoring
Walter Grolimund, Keystone
Stéphane Guérillot, Agence France Presse
Darko Gulija, HINA
Geoffrey Haynes, The Associated Press
Niels Hojer-Pedersen, Ritzau Bureau I's
John Iobst, Newspaper Association of America
Hugh Johnstone, IPTC Editor

Paul Kelly, New York Times Company
Hiroshi Kashima, Nihon Shinbun Kyokai
Dean Large, Business Wire
Laurent Le Meur, Agence France Presse
John Minting, United Press International
Stuart Myles, Dow Jones & Company
Fumiaki Nishino, Nihon Shinbun Kyokai
Hitoshi Saito, Nihon Shinbun Kyokai
Hiroshi Shinotsuka, Kyodo News
Henrik Stadler, Tidningarnas Telegrambyrå
Charles Tichenor, The Associated Press
Pauli Tölli, Suomen Tietotoimisto Oy
Rob Warner, Reuters Limited
Michael Wolf, Reuters Limited
Guowei Wu, Xinhua News Agency

Michael Steidl, IPTC Managing Director (MD) as Secretary

1   Minutes of the Meeting held on 24 October 2005 (NM0506.1)

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

2   Matters Arising

No matters were arising from the minutes not covered by this agenda.

3   Chairman's report

No special report was given

4   NITF 3.3 draft XML Schema

A draft XML Schema was circulated prior to the meeting.

The chairman gave a presentation – see Appendix, slides 3 + 4.

MOTION: To request the Standards Committee to approve the NITF 3.3 XML Schema file as an IPTC standard.
This was moved by Geoffrey Haynes and seconded by Walter Baranger.

VOTE: This motion was agreed unanimously.

5 Any Other Business

The chairman gave a presentation on his thoughts about NITF and how it should evolve in future – see Appendix, slides 5 through 15.

Discussion on whether a core version of NITF (covering text markup) is required or not:

Geoffrey Haynes said the NAR needs a text markup and will not develop one on their own – hence this approach aligns with thoughts about a NITF Core specification.

Walter Baranger said to his perception inline markup of text is more important than metadata about the content and routing information for the distribution.

Darko Gulija said for him the only odd thing about NITF is the strange spelling of some element names (e.g. hedline, copyrite).
The chairman reminded that at the time of the creation of NITF no XML namespaces were available and hence any nameclash with HTML element names had to be avoided.

John Iobst said he is much in favour of a NITF Core initiative as some agencies dearly need a good inline mark up.

Laurent Le Meur said
- in Europe IPTC 7901 and IIM are still used widely, NITF is less used than in the US.
- also he proposed to change the odd spellings of the current NITF specs.
- comparing NITF to HTML he came to the conclusion NITF adds some really very useful elements.

The chairman proposed making a NITF Core a subset of HTML elements and some refined elements aiming at article mark up.

Laurent Le Meur said this approach is the one of a "microformat" (see http://microformats.org) and he is not in favour of something like that.

Darko Gulija proposed to allow using scheme-code-pairs in the CURIE-format for the NITF Core.

Walter Baranger said the New York Times is one of the newspapers with the highest number of received feeds worldwide. He knows keeping the number of different formats as low as possible is crucial for this kind of feed recipient.

Stuart Myles asked if the chairman thinks about rebranding NITF and the chairman said he is considering this step.

Laurent Le Meur said as General News Markup WG chair he is happy seeing progress in the NITF group towards a text markup specification that plugs seamlessly into the NAR NewsItem.

6 Date and Place of Next Meeting

Annual General Meeting, 3-6 July 2006, Vienna (Austria) at the Bristol Hotel.

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