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Minutes of the Standards Committee
held on 27 & 29 March 2006

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Present:
Chairman: * Henrik Stadler, Tidningarnas Telegrambyrå

Najeh Al-Dulaimi, KUNA	Alan Karben, XML Team Solutions, Inc.
* Khalid Al-Haqhaq, KUNA	Paul Kelly, New York Times Company
* Walter Baranger, New York Times Company	* Hiroshi Kashima, Nihon Shinbun Kyokai
Scott Calder, Mainstream Data Inc.	* Dean Large, Business Wire
* Dominic Chan, CNW Group Ltd.	* Laurent Le Meur, Agence France Presse
* Dave Compton, Reuters Limited	* John Minting, United Press International
* Honor Craig-Bennett, PA NewsLtd	* Peter Müller, SDA/ATS (27 March only)
Jean-Pierre Evain, EBU	* Stuart Myles, Dow Jones & Company
Willis Fong, Canadian Press	* Fumiaki Nishino, Nihon Shinbun Kyokai
Takahiro Fujiwara, EAST Co. Ltd	* Hitoshi Saito, Nihon Shinbun Kyokai
* Andy Gleeson, BBC Monitoring	* Hiroshi Shinotsuka, Kyodo News
* Walter Grolimund, Keystone	* Charles Tichenor, The Associated Press
* Stéphane Guérillot, Agence France Presse	Pauli Tölli, Suomen Tietotoimisto Oy
Darko Gulija, HINA	Rob Warner, Reuters Limited
* Geoffrey Haynes, The Associated Press	* Michael Wolf, Reuters Limited
Niels Hojer-Pedersen, Ritzau Bureau I's	* Guowei Wu, Xinhua News Agency
* John Iobst, Newspaper Association of America	
Hugh Johnstone, IPTC Editor	

Michael Steidl, IPTC Managing Director (MD) as Secretary

* = Nominated Members, eligible to vote.

1   Update on the progress of the Roadmap 2005

The chairman showed the current Roadmap project diagram of STA0601.1 and said the timeline is stretching even further into the future due to complex work and low resources.
Currently only about 6 persons are heavily involved into the NAR development work: Laurent Le Meur, Misha Wolf, Darko Gulija, Johan Lindgren, Dave Compton and the MD. He turned to all membership representatives present at this meeting asking why the turnout for the development work is so low.

Alan Karben said he receives a lot of email from the NAR-dev Yahoo list and sometimes it is hard for him to put all these pieces into a bigger picture. He would prefer to have a web page available showing all section of the NAR-development work, each with a code, and then each individual posting to the NAR-dev Yahoo group should carry the corresponding code.

Laurent Le Meur said he will think about how to implement this proposal.

Misha Wolf pointed out the NAR-dev group has to work on the agreed business requirements but also on ad hoc issues.

Then it was discussed if a Content Management System for the IPTC web site could help in this situation, but no clear conclusion was drawn.

The MD asked if any member representatives present explicitly agree or disagree to the Roadmap project diagram, hearing no response he asked who has read the diagram, 3 attendees showed hands.

2 Goals for the Spring Meeting

The chairman listed the main items for this meeting:

- NAR: report on Experimental Phase
- NCT: vote on a SportsML 1.7 DTD and XML Schema
- NCD: votes on submissions and a discussion on the Future of the NewsCodes
- NM: vote on a NITF 3.3 XML Schema

[continued with item 3 on 29 March]

3 Minutes of the Meeting held on 23, 26 October 2005 (STA0509.1)

It was proposed by John Minting and seconded by Dean Large that the minutes be accepted as circulated. This was agreed unanimously.

4 Matters Arising

4.1 XML namespace URI format

Discussion on whether to use URN- or http-URIs for XML namespaces of the IPTC:

The MD shows an example for what is specified for the IPTC URN namespace by RFC 3937:
urn:iptc:std:SportsML:1.0:xmlns
Then he said if it deems necessary to use the http schema for XML namespaces the overall syntax of RFC 3937 should be preserved, making eg.
http://iptc.com/std/SportsML/1.0/xmlns

Alan Karben asked how to deal with reflecting versioning in the namespace URI.

Chuck Tichenor asked if the IPTC has a versioning policy.

Alan Karben said there is a versioning policy available for SportsML.

Misha Wolf said we should decide to go with http-URIs first and then make a versioning policy. He requested that SportsML and NITF namespace URIs should align with such a http-URI-format and not be circulated with a different one.
Further he recommended creating a versioning policy for XML namespace URIs for the AGM.

Chuck Tichenor said changing the namespace URI for each new version is a policy.

4.2 Priorities and resources for the News Architecture (NAR)

The NAR-WP chair Laurent Le Meur said the NAR development work will postpone some tasks to the time after the Experimental Phase 2.
Misha Wolf provided a list of items to be deferred:
- this will be documentation tasks
- the business requirements for partial dates (asked Johan Lindgren and Alan Karben for input)

- validation of NewsItems
- digital signatures
- withdrawing a catalog (file)
- publishing component: Stuart Myles, Takahiro Fujiwara and the New York Times will take action
- rights component: Dean Large, the New York Times, John Iobst and Stéphane Guérillot will take action
Laurent Le Meur asked all people involved into this effort to contribute in a non-XML way as the XML implementation is outsourced to consultants.

5 Chairman's report

No special report was given.

6 Report from the News Architecture Working Party

Laurent Le Meur reported:

- The WP heard a report about the Experimental Phase 1
- The WP heard a report about the current state of the development work regarding the overall model, the structures and the common components.
The WP agreed to a MOTION to launch a second Experimental Phase:
The IPTC Standards Committee requests all Working Groups from the IPTC News Content WP and News Codes WP to test a new draft of the News Architecture and provide written feedback during a period commencing on 8 May 2006 - after the release of new public drafts & XML schema - and ending on 29 August 2006 – so that the IPTC members can discuss the feedback at the autumn meeting 2006.
The goal is for the WGs of the News Content WP and the News Codes WP to develop a draft of a NAR compatible version of the IPTC standards they handle in the field of General News, Events, Sport or NewsCodes, and for the NAR WP to finalize the specification using comments from the other groups.
Processing of feedback:
- WG members have to send comments to the NAR-dev list.
- Each editor of a NAR document, or section of, should maintain a record of formal open issues.
- The NAR WP should prioritize issues.
- Issues should be discussed on the NAR-dev and newsml-2 lists.
- Each editor should make formal proposals to the group.
- After decision (during a conf call), each editor should update the document he maintains.

No discussion.

VOTE: This motion was agreed unanimously.

7 Report from the News Content Working Party

Geoffrey Haynes reported:

EventsML
We heard a presentation from Johan Lindgren of TT about the status of EventsML development and issues that will be tackled in the coming months.
Among the upcoming issues that impact EventsML are the development of common components and a decision about where an event item fits in the NAR.
Johan walked through how common components such as address, contact info, person, location,

organization and partial datetime, would be used in EventsML.
He described the issues that need to be considered in the development of an Event Item and development of an Assignment Item.

General News Markup

We heard a presentation from Laurent LeMeur from AFP, who discussed a standard representation of general news, including text, audio, video and images. He mentioned we are exploring names for this markup - including options such as NewsML2-media, NewsML2-news and NewsML2-events.

Laurent summarized the options for text markup in NewsML2 as being using a core version of NITF, use XHTML2 modules, Create something new like ArticleML or keeping neutral on markup.

Laurent provided several very interesting examples showing NITF within the NAR, XHTML within the NAR, how multiple renditions of a video clip could be represented in the NAR.
He provided a demo of a NewsML2 editor to show how providers can develop tools easily with the NAR.

SportsML

Alan Karben disussed SportsML 1.7 and described the changes to the core specification, such as adding an abbreviation for team names, standings can be a child of a tournament as in the World Cup, adjustments to accommodate shootouts, which have been added this season by the NHL, and several changes to improve baseball statistics.

Changes have been made to the schema to make it officially schema compatible.

The Working Group voted to approve SportsML 1.7 and to send it to the Standards Committee.

MOTION: Approve the SportsML 1.7 XML Schema and DTD files as an official IPTC standard (subject to the adjustment of namespace references into standard IPTC URN format).This release has been posted at http://www.sportsml.org/dev

No discussion.
VOTE: This motion was agreed unanimously.

We also heard how SportsML was used during the recent Winter Olympics and how Major League Baseball teams in the U.S. are expressing interest in the standard.
Going forward, the SportsML group will be fine-tuning examples of how the standard would work within the NAR.
The group will also work on SportsML 1.8, which will likely include a curling plug-in and more support for tennis.

IPTC Core

We heard a presentation from Michael Steidl. He discussed the design goals - keep the focus on photography, add properties to better describe photo content, keep it simple and to define a migration path between the IPTC Core and the NAR.
Upcoming work on a new version of IPTC core includes collecting requirements before the summer 2006, working on the specification in the fall of 2006 and implement a new version in the winter or spring of 2007.

8   Report from the NewsCodes Working Party

John Minting reported that the WP has agreed to several motions which have to be approved by the Standards Committee:

Motion #1
That the Standards Committee approves document NCD0607.1 as an update to the "NewsItemType" NewsCodes

No discussion.
VOTE: This motion was agreed unanimously.

Motion #2
That the Standards Committee approves document NCD0606.1 as an update to the "Subject" NewsCodes

No discussion.
VOTE: This motion was agreed unanimously.

Motion #3
That the Standards Committee approves document NCD0604.1 as an update to the "Subject" NewsCodes" with the exception of the individual items:
history, sale, tribunal,wedding

No discussion.
VOTE: This motion was agreed unanimously.

Motion #4
That the Standards Committee approves the deprecation of the "File Format" NewsCodes.

No discussion.
VOTE: This motion was agreed unanimously.

Motion #5
That the Standards Committee approves the deprecation of the "Notation" NewsCodes

No discussion.
VOTE: This motion was agreed unanimously.

Motion #6
That the Standards Committee approves the deprecation of the "Label Type" NewsCodes

No discussion.
VOTE: This motion was agreed unanimously.

9   Report from the NITF Maintenance Working Party

Alan Karben reported a new XML Schema for NITF 3.3 has been created and awaits final approval by the Standards Committee:
MOTION: Approve the NITF 3.3 Schema files to join the current NITF 3.3 DTD files as an IPTC Standard (subject to the adjustment of namespace references into standard IPTC URN format).
This release has been posted at: http://www.nitf.org/dev

No discussion.
VOTE: This motion was agreed unanimously.

10 Report from the NewsML1 Maintenance Working Party

Dean Large reported the WP heard about:
- the previously agreed changes to the Functional Specification were applied

and references to the RFC 3085 were added.
- a proposal to create an XML Schema for NewsML 1.2 was discussed and agreed.

11 Report from the Colour Space Task Force

As the Task Force Lead Harald Löffler was not present the MD stood in:
Despite of several requests by Harald only a very few questionnaires of his survey on photo workflows in news agencies were returned to him. This did not allow making a comprehensive report how photo workflows in news agencies are designed.
Ifra continued with its effort to preserve Colour Space information in photo file and invites representatives of camera makers, image software makers and standardisation body to a round table about this issue in late August/early September 2006, the MD was invited to join.

12 Report from the XML Style Task Force

The MD as Task Force moderator said nothing is to report as there was no activity.
The discussed issue with the schema and format of XML Namespace URIs for IPTC standards should be covered by the IPTC XML Stylebook.

13 Report from the URN review Task Force

The MD as Task Force moderator said nothing is to report as there was no activity.

14 Watching non-IPTC standards relating to the news business

The chairman said due to time constraints he postpones his report until the AGM.

15 Any Other Business

There was no other business.

16 Date and Place of Next Meeting

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

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