

TRNS•PORT User Group
Information Technology Technical Advisory Group (ITTAG)
November 5, 2002, Meeting Minutes

The Information Technology Technical Advisory Group (TAG) of the TRNS•PORT User Group, met on Tuesday Evening, November 5, 2002, in Austin, Texas. The following (9) members or proxies were present:

Andy Crenshaw, AL
Mitch Hendricks, NE
Tony Compton, TX
Jennifer McAllister, OH
Don Sangregorio, FL(proxy)

Todd Bergland, MN
Dave Whitbeck, OR
Mark Janicek, WY
John Mascarenas, CO

In addition to the above listed people, four (4) Info Tech employees and sixteen (16) guests were present.

The minutes from the 2001 Meeting in Indianapolis, Indiana were approved as distributed.

Mitch Hendricks from Nebraska was elected as TAG Coordinator for 2003-4.

The TAG updated its mission statement, to reflect the name change to Information Technology. The TAG updated its short-term goals which are to provide recommendations on Ballot Items and to support development of web based technology for TRNS*PORT. The TAG updated its long-term goals which are: to provide strategic guidance to the TUG on the future direction of the TRNS*PORT software from an Information Technology perspective, and to ensure that TRNS*PORT suite of software remains on the leading edge of technology

The Coordinator called for a discussion of Ballot Items from the floor. The TAG discussed various ballot items but only chose to endorse one additional ballot item: **4785 Add the ability to edit ref files in BAMS/DSS 6**

During the Ballot Item discussion there was a discussion about the loss of SAS as a database. There were concerns about other SAS functionality being removed from DSS in the future. Paul Neumann from the Task Force and Charles Engelke from Info Tech assured the group that there would be no decline of SAS as an analysis tool in DSS.

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Paul Neumann as chair of the TRNS· PORT Test Suite TRT gave a presentation on the Test Suite. The Test Suite will be a uniform integrated test plan and comprehensive database covering the TRNS· PORT Life cycle using proxied ODBC or HTTP transactions. The test plan will be in at least 3 phases with the first phase being like a “proof of concept” in using 5 PES and 5 LAS transactions for testing. The second phase would include 20 contracts with at least 10 functions each Client/Server module, and the third phase being full testing across all modules with up to 3 years of data.

In the Open forum of the meeting further discussions ensued on the changes that were made by the DSS 6 TRT between DSS 5 and DSS 6. It was felt that these changes were made without adequate communication to the User Community. The group agreed to let Jennifer McAllister write a resolution that would be approved by the group and submitted at the TUG Business Meeting.

With no further business to discuss, the IT TAG adjourned at 8:15 P.M.