

Roll call of known members taken by Mitch. Couple of retirees noted from the previous year, Frank Busch and John Mascarenas.

Mississippi expressed interest in joining the TAG. Procedures were explained.

Angela Derringer was noted as a new member.

Mitch solicited nominations for an assistant coordinator. None were heard, and therefore we decided to go on without an assistant coordinator.

Mission statement, short and long term goals were already approved via e-mail.

No old business was brought up.

Mission of the meeting is to advise the TUG on technical issues, etc. Ballot items..

4785 and 6594 – noted that these were obsolete and that the contract monitoring TAG had elected to remove its endorsement of those two. Both sponsoring states also agreed to removal of these items which will be addressed during the business meeting.

Ohio solicited endorsement for the ballot item for interactive model prototype.

Charles E. pointed out that this would be similar to the web platform that the TTF had recently approved.

Jennifer M. moved to have the IT TAG supported the described enhancement, Tony Compton seconded. Jennifer will supply Mitch with the ballot item number prior to the business meeting.

Tony Compton was appointed as the TAG secretary.

Again asked for nominations for ass. Coord.

Bruce Foster of New York asked for TAG endorsement of ballot item 6912. Proposal thru Award TAG has already moved to reclassify this item from PES to the general area of the ballot to extend across all modules. (Andy Crenshaw).

Marcita Wade of VaDOT asked also for TAG endorsement of the same ballot item.

Jennifer moved that 6912 be endorsed by the IT TAG.

Question was asked why a state would want to change passwords every 30 days (6912), and Virginia explained their audit process.

Don Sangregorio stated that this should be an installation option for those who do not wish to change their passwords regularly. Info Tech comments remarked that many modules would be affected, and therefore the scope would be very large.

Charles Engelke stated that the LRWP had a revamping of the security features of the system, but that there is currently nothing in the short term plan that addresses this.

Tony Compton – local installation of SM database uses ASA drivers 5.5 for SM 2-1a-2. Are there plans to bring that up to be able to use 12.5 drivers thru Sybase. Paul Neumann stated that there was no such thing. Tony corrected and said he would like to move up to version 7 or 8. Paul replied that the next release of SM in 16 days utilizes version 8, so Tony was happy.

Tony asked for assistance in weeding thru the IT TAG specific ballot items. IT TAG has input to most all of the modules and ballot items, so there is no specific area that we can address. Jennifer pointed out that a TAG secretary should possibly be responsible for weeding out the ballot items that are business processes on the technological side. Tony noted that he would take care of that for next year.

Don Sangregorio said that he thinks there should be communication between TAGS. Proposal thru Award had a meeting this morning and mentioned that the IT TAG should be addressing some issues, but those issues were never properly communicated to our TAG.

Mitch asked if ITI had anything they wanted to put in front of the TAG. Charlie Engelke talked about a web version of Trns.port, and how important it is to get this into development. Benefits: Deployment is simplified because users only need a web browser. Dedicated functions could be completed more easily, and would support more work flow. First function will be a parametric estimation function that will be easy to install, deploy and use. Tuesday evening will be a break-out session .

Jennifer stated that perhaps the IT TAG should submit a resolution supporting web enabling of Trns.port. Don Sangregorio asked for more specifics as to what web enabling means.

Mitch asked about the back end, how the dbs were accessed (JDBC?). Logic and components will talk to each other, either via ODBC for DB or http for everything else. Web Trns.port is not as radical a change as perceived. Goal is to take what we're doing now in PB and do it via a web browser on the client. As capabilities are expanded, perhaps the number of people requiring Powerbuilder would decrease. ODBC and database drivers reside on the server, so client installs are eliminated.

Don stated that installations have become a challenge, and is afraid that this adds another level of complexity to the system management. One explicit goal of the first release is ease of deployment.

Charles discussed the installation scripts. Should they be pre-configured to eliminate the customization required by the DBA's in the agencies? Some discussion ensued, some states like customizing, others have limited resources and would benefit from pre-configured.

Support software for Trns.port – Legal issues for re-distribution have to be closely monitored. Object store – one install does Apache, Perl no longer needed, everything needed is installed in one step instead of installing the pieces separately.

Mitch, Jennifer and Tony will write a resolution to endorse web enabling of Trns.port. Mitch asked which modules would be affected. Charles said eventually all modules should be web enabled, and the TAG agreed to pen a resolution to that affect.

Hearing no more discussion, and no other business mentioned, the meeting was adjourned.