



Printer Working Group Steering Committee Meeting Minutes

Phone Conference
19 May 2005

Submitted by Harry Lewis, IBM, PWG Chairman

1 Time and Place

The PWG Steering Committee phone conference was held Thursday, May 19, 2005.

2 Agenda

The agenda for the Steering Committee phone conference consisted of

- Print Number
- Projector MIB
- WIMS status
- DMTF CIM/CORE alliance
- PWG Officer nominations

3 Meeting Attendees

Attendee	Company	Email Address
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* Steering committee member

4 PWG Steering Committee Business

4.1 Print Number

In reviewing the response by Sue Ling, the Print Number Company made it clear that they would be unable to champion the standardization effort. Since its introduction, no other champion or working group Chair has been identified. Based on the lack of a champion who is willing to form and lead the working group, the PWG Steering Committee is closing the Print Number BOF topic. Communications and documents posted will remain in the PWG archives for historic purposes or future reference should the topic be revive at some later date.

1. Harry will send a note to this effect to Sue Ling.

4.2 Projector MIB

Recent communications from both Epson and Dell indicate a certain willingness to initiate this activity. The PWG Steering Committee is recommending the Projector MIB be treated as a new work item under the existing PMP (PWG MIB Projects) working group. This will avoid the need to write and approve a completely new charter which will allow the work to begin sooner.

An early indicator of project success will be the number and caliber of interested and active projector vendors. If the project does not attract critical mass from the projector segment, the Steering Committee will be obliged to revisit the validity of this project. Once the project definition is reviewed and accepted by the PWG Steering Committee, we need to plan some form of publicity to help attract members including companies like HP, Sony, Viewsonic, Proxima etc. We are also interested in positions from Microsoft and Apple on this topic. Is there already some incumbent “standard” that we would be displacing?

4.3 Port Mon MIB

Where should we publish the Port Mon MIB standard? 5107.xx

4.4 WIMS Status

Quick overview of yesterday’s WIMS minutes. Trying to get WIMS to FA as quickly as possible. Counter Spec and MIB are in Last Call. WIMS w/g handling LC comments. There is no longer any normative tie between the Counter MIB and WIMS Protocol Spec. Counter MIB derives subunit definitions from the Printer MIB (except for Scan which is defined by the Counter MIB). Question whether the Transformer subunit should be leveraged off the Printer MIB Interpreter subunit.

4.5 DMTF CIM/Core work register

The PWG Steering Committee agreed to accept the DMTF offer for alliance on a project to update CIM/Core based on IETF Printer MIBv2 and PWG Semantic Model. Concern was expressed that we are embarking on a new work project and (more importantly) an alliance in the context of having difficult securing sustained PWG leadership. Harry will make sure the DMTF is fully aware of our situation.

4.6 PWG Leadership

A call for nominations for PWG Officers, including Chairman, Vice Chairman and Secretary to begin in September 2005 has been issued. Two members have responded that they will accept Secretary and/or Vice Chairman roles once a Chairman has been selected.

Subsequent calls have not resulted in any new nominations. We still need a nomination for PWG Chairman. A final URGENT call will be issued.

We had discussion that it may help secure leadership by further expanding PWG scope up into high end commercial and/or production print which is where the business for several members has shifted. We imagine an alliance with CIP4 to extend our current JDF/Semantic Model mapping into modeling and recording semantics for management of high-end systems.

5 Next Meeting

The next PWG SC conference call will be on Thursday, 5/26/2005 at 11am EST

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