

GISB FTTF
May 5, 1999
Teleconference Call

Call To Order

Mike Shahan, Chairperson of the Future Technology Task Force (FTTF), called the meeting to order at 2:00 PM (EST), on May 5, 1999.

Antitrust

Mike Shahan reviewed the GISB antitrust guidelines.

Introductions

The participants on the call introduced themselves. See attached participation list.

Agenda

The agenda was adopted with the addition of Kim Van Pelt's review of R98060, Andy Sicignano's report of the recent IEFT meeting in Dallas, and discussion of FTTF's role in testing compatibility of plug-ins and the such.

Adoption of Previous Minutes

It was agreed to delay the adoption of the April 19-20 minutes until the May 17 - 18 meeting. Susan Croley will complete the minutes and get them to Mike Shahan and the GISB office for posting.

IETF Meeting

Andy Sicignano reported that he, John Tsucalas and Dick Brooks had attended the IETF EDIINT Working Group meetings in Dallas on May 3 and 4. One purpose of the meeting was to look at the convergence of HTTP/EDI with GISB EDM and standards used by the Auto Industry. The Auto Industry started with the GISB model and modified it to create the E5 standards. IETF has existing standards - AS1, which use SMTP, and AS2 which uses HTTP. Andy reported that it appears the AS2 RFC can be changed, along with minor changes to GISB standards and E5 so that the standards can converge. Dick Brooks and John Tsucalas are drafting a paper to describe what needs to change in the AS2 draft to conform to GISB standards and what impact those changes will have. Andy will see that the paper gets posted on the FTTF web page.

R98060

Kim Van Pelt reported that Technical has transferred request R98060 to FTTF to draft some introductory language to be included in the Related Standards section of the implementation guides. FTTF is requested to draft introductory language explaining the HTTP transaction-set Codes and their uses. Kim reviewed the minutes from the January 11, 1999 Technical meeting. FTTF is requested to draft introductory language explaining the HTTP transaction-set Codes and their uses. Technical would like a draft of the language by their June 1 meeting. We will put this item on the agenda for our May 17-18 meeting.

Browser Testing

Terry Lehn reported that Enron pipes had tested their system with both Netscape 4.51 and IE 5.0 and found no problems. Unless another party provides negative test results to the FTTF, our recommendation to change the minimum browser version levels will move forward to the EC.

Compatibility Testing

John Smith, from CNG, reported that he had concerns about possible compatibility issues among various plug-ins. This was discussed and it was decided to make this an agenda item for the May 17-18 meeting. Mike Shahan asked the participants to come to the next meeting with ideas on what role the FTTF might play in such testing. It was suggested that the FTTF might ask GISB to survey Pipelines to determine the 'universe' of plug-ins that are being used.

Implementation Guide Drafts

No additional drafts were ready to review.

Mike Shahan reported that he had discovered that the FTTF may have over stepped its authority by restructuring the EDM implementation guide. While the FTTF agrees as a whole that restructuring and rewriting of the guide is needed and appropriate in our view, we were not aware the guides are treated as 'standards' and must follow the same procedure to be changed. Jim Keisler, from Transco, volunteered to submit a request for restructuring of the EDM guide, many other participants offered their support for the request. Mike Shahan will talk to GISB leadership about this issue and report back to the FTTF.

The drafters will complete their sections and send them to Mike Shahan. Susan Croley will send the electronic version of the current EDM Implementation Guide to Mike Shahan.

We hope to have some guidance and answers from GISB leadership by our May 17-18 meeting so the implementation guide can be completed in time for the August publications.

Meeting Adjourned

With no other items on the agenda, the conference call was adjourned.

Participation List

Mike Shahan	CNG
John Smith	CNG
Terry Lehn	EDS
Susan Croley	Texas Eastern
Jim Buccigross	Transcapacity
Andy Sicignano	ECT
Joe Kardas	National Fuel
Page Clark	CIG
Justin Hildebrandt	Sapient Corp
Jim Keisler	Transco
Kim Van Pelt	CMS