



# Printer Working Group Steering Committee Meeting Minutes

Phone Conference  
29 September 2005

Submitted by Harry Lewis, IBM, PWG Chairman

## 1 Time and Place

The PWG Steering Committee phone conference was held Thursday, August 29, 2005.

## 2 Agenda

The agenda for the Steering Committee phone conference consisted of

- Review and approve WIMS Counter Spec Formal Approval
- Review Port Mon MIB voting package
- October Face to Face (Chicago) prep
- Open forum

## 3 Meeting Attendees

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## 4 PWG Steering Committee Business

### 4.1 WIMS Counter Spec Formal Approval

The WIMS Counter Spec (abstract specification) passed via Formal Approval on September 27 by meeting the PWG Process requirements for quorum and majority approval. It is the duty of the PWG Steering Committee to review and assure that the voting process was carried out correctly according to PWG Process definition.

The PWG Chairman hereby records that the PWG Steering Committee met on September 29, 2005 and agreed, unanimously, that voting was correct and the process was accurately adhered to. This makes the Formal Approval of the WIMS Counter Specification “official” and complete.

During the post-mortem on the Counter Spec voting process it was suggested that future voting be enhanced by all parties receiving the votes (by e-mail) keep identical records

and compare full voting information, by candidate, rather than just validating a tally. This will avoid any potential errors. Also, while “subject line e-mail voting” is very easy and efficient, there is the possibility of an e-mail vote missing its destination. Thus, in the future, we will implement a form of positive feedback and notify voting members to expect a return receipt following submission of their vote.

#### **4.2 Port Monitor Formal Approval Package**

The Port Monitor has completed Last Call and is awaiting Formal Approval. The PMP working group Chair must initiate FA. To complete by the Chicago face to face FA must begin by Monday, October 3. Several SC members will attempt to contact Ron Bergman to remind him of the urgency of initiating the FA process.

#### **4.3 Chicago Face to Face**

The PWG will meet in Chicago October 26-28

The agenda is as follows

- Wednesday morning
  - PWG Plenary
- Wednesday afternoon
  - Port Mon MIB
- Thursday Morning
  - DMTF CIM
- Thursday Afternoon
  - WIMS Protocol
- Friday morning
  - Proj/Display Mgt

Harry needs to update the PWG website to reflect the change from New Orleans to Chicago.

If there is not enough Projector/Display Mgt content to fill Friday morning, we can use that time for follow-on brainstorming about PWG projects and direction setting.

#### **4.4 Open Forum**

Ira proposed a method for advancing the Counter MIB to completion as an Informational draft specification in the PWG. Along with the proposal, Ira suggested lumping several “informational” draft forms (such as Best Practice and others) into a new consolidated heading “Informational” with the prefix “info-”. There was no objection and general consensus to encourage this to proceed. First steps will be to create a WORD version and PDF from the HTML document.

When it was suggested that the same approach be taken for IPP FAX with the motivation of tidying up loose ends and bringing a long and hard fought effort to a form of

completion... consensus was not as easy to come by. There is some concern that the PWG should not focus energy on a task which has been dormant for some time. This topic warrants further discussion because both sides of the “argument” have valid points.

One thing that was emphasized is that in moving the Counter MIB to Informational and/or working on completing Counter schema, extensibility needs to be addressed.

## 5 Next Meeting

PWG SC meetings are scheduled bi-weekly but this one was off-cycle.

That means the next PWG SC conference call is scheduled for Thursday, 10/6/2005 at 3:10 pm EDT (following the PWG-CIM conference call and a short break).

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Harry (the Chairman) will be unavailable both the 6<sup>th</sup> and the 13<sup>th</sup> so it is requested the Lee (Vice Chair) run and record the next call.