

Notes
ICSP/GMF Joint Meeting
1:30 to 3:30 pm
May 21, 2009

U.S. Department of Commerce
1401 Constitution Ave., NW
Washington, DC 20230

Conference Room 1414

Attendees

Win Aung, NSF
Paul Gill, NASA
Adam West, NASA
Churck Martin, USDA
Belinda Collins, NIST
Greg Saunders, DoD
David Alderman, NIST
Miranda DerOhanian, ANSI
Erik Puskar, NIST
Gordon Gillerman, NIST
Mary Donaldsonl, NIST
Stuart Richards, NRC
Timothy Klein, USDOT
Peter Shebell, DHS
Jeffrey Feit, DOE
Maureen Breitenberg, NIST
Don Purcell, Center for Global Standards Analysis
Jennifer Stradtman, ITA

Via Conference Call:

Don Pittenger*, DOL/OSHA*
Scott Cooper*, ANSI
Joe Tretler*, ANSI
Virginia Boyett*, VA
Colin Church*, CPSC
Katrina Whittington,, Treasury
Jenny Heaps, NARA

*Co Chairs: Belinda Collins, NIST, ICSP and Greg Saunders, DoD, ANSI/GMF
Welcome- Co-Chairs*

Self introductions – All

Changes to the agenda – All – There were no changes to the agenda

GMF Topic - ANSI / Legislative Update

- *ISO/TC 212 Secretariat Update - Joe Tretler, ANSI (via telephone)*

After reconsideration, CLSI (Clinical Laboratory Standards Institute) will retain the secretariat position as per a Board of Directors decision.

- *Congressional Update – Scott Cooper, ANSI (via telephone) See attached handout: [Current Legislation and Other Policy Initiatives that May be of Interest to Members of ANSI.](#)*

ICSP Topic - 2009 survey concerning standards management and standards education issues.– Don Purcell, The Center for Global Standards Analysis – Mr. Purcell presented background information regarding a survey the Center is sponsoring and invited the ICSP to participate. The survey is soliciting input from the public and private sectors in two areas of concern. The first has to do with the current practice of standards development in the US and the second has to do with standards education support. The ICSP expressed concern over the statistical design of the survey including the questions and also recommended that the heads of federal agencies be consulted directly for official responses rather than the ICSP. A letter to this effect is being considered.

Update on Public Policy Related Standards Issues – Belinda Collins, NIST

- *ISO Activity: Strategic Plan Development 2011-2015 – ANSI is seeking comments on [ISO's strategic planning document](#). There will be a workshop June 25-26 at the Washington Marriott to formulate the US contribution. Stakeholders are encouraged to use ANSI's online survey to provide input.*
- *Social Responsibility – EPA/NIST –ISO 26000 working group on social responsibility standard – Stakeholder meeting (7th plenary) is going on in Quebec (May 18-22). USG had several representatives present at the meeting to press the issue of including disclaimer language in the scope of the standard. This standard development is a good example of why USG should have a presence during the development of an international standard.*
- *Sustainable Agriculture – USDA – Chuck Martin -There is a meeting in Berlin in June on a new ISO work item “Sustainable criteria for Biofuels.” The US will be represented by ANSI, NIST, and USDA. On the Leonardo Academy's development of a Sustainable Agriculture standard – the next meeting will take place in Wisconsin. The scope of the standard has narrowed to crops produced from arable land. Currently there are fundraising efforts ongoing to support the continuation of the standard development process.*
- *Smart Grid Update – NIST – NIST has been charged with coordinating the development of a framework to include standards for interoperability of smart grid infrastructure. The process is moving quickly with the goal to have an inventory of standards pulled together within 3 months and then identifying needs and gaps. A large workshop is being planned in the near future. For further information about smart grid activity, visit www.nist.gov/smartgrid.*
- *Health Care IT – NIST has also been given an extensive role in the area of Health Care IT standards. Additional information is available at <http://xw2k.nist.gov/healthcare/>.*
- *White House Interagency Work Group on Innovation and Information Policy – Tim Klein, DOT, This is a new working group which has been formed to work on providing public access to data and other information (research and policy reports, etc.) developed or funded by the government. It is also seeking to provide Web 2.0 tools to enable public opportunities to comment on, or even to help develop, such data and reports. It has been charged with developing a policy document by the end of FY09. WG is being led by OSTP and NEC (National Economic Council). There is no one from NIST on the WG, which may be an oversight. There are plans to host an Innovation Roundtable; conduct a Data call*

on Innovation to ascertain what data access is desired outside government; publish an RFI on the “open government” initiative and an RFI on innovation policy, gaps and deterrents (such as particular IP law) This effort ties into the data.gov portal and the overall “Open Government” initiative. The idea is that the public should have access to all information - if possible. Team is meeting once a week. Access to the IWG work site is by invitation to members only; the public site is available at OSTP’s “Open Government” website -- <http://www.whitehouse.gov/open/> -- with examples of what the IWG is looking for at the “Innovations Gallery” -- <http://www.whitehouse.gov/open/innovations>.

- *Duplicative Standards Issue – NIST will look into sending a letter expressing procedural concerns about the resolution of comments regarding duplication received in response to ANSI PINS announcements. Also, federal agencies are encouraged to consider nominating representatives for service on ANSI’s Executive Standards Council (ExSC) and the Board of Standards Review (BSR)*

Government Industry Data Exchange Program ([GIDEP](#)) Proposal – Discussion of need for a government policy document – Greg Saunders, DoD

Mr. Saunders presented an [overview of the Government Industry Data Exchange Program](#) or [GIDEP](#). GIDEP provides a mechanism to exchange information about quality of products and product components acquired in government acquisition and procurement. If used consistently, GIDEP could be a very effective tool in reducing counterfeit and poor quality products acquired by government agencies. In a Commerce Department study, over 9000 instances of counterfeit products were sold to government agencies – and GIDEP is only catching 1 percent. About 80 percent of parts problems have been attributed to counterfeiting. If all agencies were compelled to use GIDEP — it would be more effective. Companies are somewhat reluctant — due to competitive concerns — to voluntarily report product and component problems through GIDEP. GIDEP reporting includes: counterfeit parts, failing parts, parts that have not been checked for quality. There is a handbook on how to use GIDEP – see website <http://www.gidep.org/>. ICSP could be a strong advocate for institutionalizing the use of GIDEP throughout government procurement. OMB [Policy Letter 91-3](#) directs Federal Agencies to use GIDEP to report non-conforming products and materials. Current practice is voluntary.

NIST Website Update Information Plan – Maureen Breitenberg, NIST

Background: NIST Standards Services Division is planning to update its website to include standards and accreditation-related links to various international, regional, federal and private sector programs. Agencies are requested to identify relevant websites outside and within their departments for NIST to link to — Please get back to Maureen Breitenberg (maureen.breitenberg@nist.gov). Eventually standards.gov will link to new accreditation information.

Next Meeting - TDB

Adjourn
