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DATE: 5 January 2006
TO: INCITS EB
FROM: Gary S Robinson
Subject : SC25 TAG Ad Hoc Report to INCITS Executive Board

The SC25 TAG Ad Hoc held a teleconference on December 12, 2005. The participants were:

Present:

Gary S Robinson (EMC) Chair
Patrick Morris (INCITS Secretariat)
Jennifer Garner (INCITS Secretariat)
Robert Pritchard (IEEE)
Don Wright (Lexmark International)
John Siemon (Siemon Company) SC25 TAG HoD
Henry Cuschieri (EIA/TIA)
Ed Barrett (Sony)

Not Present:

Mr. Dave Michael (Apple Computer) schedule conflict
Mr. Timothy Schoechle (Farance Inc.) schedule conflict

Discussion

An Email was sent to all members to prepare for the meeting, see below. The group reviewed the instructions from the EB and decided an action plan shall be prepared by the INCITS Secretariat with help from the chair and then reviewed and accepted by the whole Ad Hoc. This would be a step by step set of actions for moving the SC25 TAG, the WG1 TAG and the WG3 TAG from TIA/EIA to INCITS. This will be available by January 6, 2006 for distribution to the EB in time for their January meeting.

The chair raised the issue that since the original motion during the April EB meeting, which the chair supported, more information has come to light which changed the chair's opinion. Specifically that we should not move the WG3 TAG to INCITS. The chair presented the reasoning for this change. There were arguments presented for and against this recommendation.

No vote was taken, but there was a suggestion that the action plan should include an alternate plan that leaves the WG3 TAG with TIA/EIA. It was agreed that the final decision rests with the INCITS EB.

Action Plan (Based on upon EB Direction)

1. EB approves implementation of action plan at Jan 2006 meeting; assigns name(s)/designation(s) to new INCITS technical committee(s) that will serve as TAGs; decides upon single SC TAG or multiple TAGs for working groups
2. INCITS Secretariat notifies ANSI of INCITS assumption of SC 25, WG 1, and WG 3 TAG and TAG Administrator responsibilities
3. INCITS Secretariat encourages former TAG to transfer records and documents to ensure smooth transition with minimum distribution to former TAG members
4. INCITS Secretariat requests a call for members in the new TAG(s) be placed in ANSI Standards Action
5. INCITS Secretariat appoints convener(s); issues meeting notice(s), agenda(s), etc.
6. Technical Committee(s) hold initial meeting. Calls for volunteers to serve as Chairs are issued at this meeting.

Alternate Action Plan (Based upon Chair's alternative proposal)

7. EB approves implementation of action plan at Jan 2006 meeting; assigns name(s)/designation(s) to new INCITS technical committee(s) that will serve as TAGs; decides upon single SC TAG or multiple TAGs for working groups
8. INCITS Secretariat notifies ANSI of INCITS assumption of SC 25, and WG 1 TAG and TAG Administrator responsibilities (and WG3 TAG will remain with TIA/EIA)
9. INCITS Secretariat encourages former SC25 and WG1 TAGs to transfer records and documents to ensure smooth transition with minimum distribution to former TAG members
10. INCITS Secretariat requests a call for members in the new TAG(s) be placed in ANSI Standards Action
11. INCITS Secretariat appoints convener(s); issues meeting notice(s), agenda(s), etc.
12. Technical Committee(s) hold initial meeting. Calls for volunteers to serve as Chairs are issued at this meeting and establish liaison to WG3 TAG.

Preparatory Email

1. Original INCITS EB Statement: *At the July 2005 meeting the INCITS Executive Board established an ad hoc to function as the SC 25 TAG with particular attention to preparations (approval of delegates and development of US positions/contributions) for the September 2005 SC 25 Plenary. The ad hoc will develop a plan for the permanent SC 25 TAG structure for consideration at the January 2006 EB meeting. Members of the INCITS Executive Board are eligible to nominate ad hoc participants and the current SC 25 TAG Chair, Mr. Siemon, will be invited to participate on the ad hoc to ensure continuity of the SC 25 TAG activity. Mr. Gary Robinson (EMC Corporation) was appointed Chairman of the INCITS SC 25 TAG Ad Hoc. The following EB members volunteered to participate: Mr. Dave Michael (Apple Computer), Mr. Patrick Morris (INCITS Secretariat), Dr. Robert Pritchard (IEEE), Mr. Timothy Schoechle (Farance Inc.) and Mr. Don Wright (Lexmark International). The following related action items were assigned to the INCITS SC 25 TAG Ad Hoc:*

The INCITS SC 25 TAG Ad Hoc will function as the SC 25 TAG with particular attention to preparations (approval of delegates and development of US positions/contributions) for the September 2005 SC 25 Plenary.

The INCITS SC 25 TAG Ad Hoc will develop a plan for the permanent SC 25 TAG structure for consideration at the January 2006 EB meeting.

Henry Cuschieri has requested membership on the ad hoc on behalf of EIA/TIA.

Additionally, the following related action item was assigned at the July meeting:

The INCITS Secretariat will submit to the SC 25 TAG the EB comments on SC 25 Proposed New Work Item, ISO/IEC XXXX, Information Technology - Home Network Security to SC 25 TAG for consideration in developing the US vote on SC 25 NP ballot.

The EB comments on this NP are as follows:

The US is supportive of this NP (ISO/IEC XXXX, Information Technology - Home Network Security) and believes that strong coordination on this project is imperative between SC 25/WG 1 and SC 27/WG 1.

A meeting or teleconference of the ad hoc should be scheduled as soon as possible to initiate this activity. Email addresses for the ad hoc participants are as follows:

3. History: As chair of the ad hoc and member of delegation of SC25 as well as the Convenor of SC25/WG4, I spoke with some people familiar with the operation of the SC25 TAG and collected some views and financial data. I asked John Siemon to continue as HoD for the Edinburgh meeting.

4. Financial Impact

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SC/WG	Members	Fees to INCITS	Fees to INCITS post	Fees to INCITS post

of TAG		past	move, w/o WG3	move, with WG3
SC25	5/5	\$35 000	0	0
WG1	9/9	0	\$7 200	\$7 200
WG3	30/4	0	\$8 000	\$3 200
WG4	na	na	na	na
TOTAL		\$35 000	\$15 200	\$10 400

NOTES:

Column 1 is committee, column 2 is current and "/" forecast number of members. Column 3 is past fee structure. Column 4 is if all but WG3 move to INCITS and column 5 is if WG3 also moves to INCITS.

SC25 has about 5 members work load minimal

WG1 has about 9 members work load light to medium

WG3 has about 30 members in EIA and works very closely with TR42, but will use TR42 to send minimum number of representatives from TR42 to WG3 TAG if moved

WG4 is part of INCITS already

5. **Discussion:** We have a Motion on the table which instructs this ad hoc to recommend how to move the SC25 TAG from EIAS to INCITS. We need to discuss at least two options:

- a. Accept the current motion and develop a plan
- b. Recommend a new motion to replace the current motion with **"INCITS move SC25 TAG and WG1 TAG, leave WG3 with TIA/EIA." (INCITS already has WG4)**

The reasoning is as follows: TIA/EIA and WG3 share an expertise and interest in premises wiring that does not exist in INCITS. INCITS has expertise and interest in WG4. WG1 could be in either group but there is more expertise and experience in the INCITS community to support WG1.

- c. Other suggestions:

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