

**CVS Oversight Committee Meeting
November 7, 2007 1:00pm to 3:00pm Video/Teleconference**

Attendees:

For CSU:

Jeff Layne, CSU Chico

John Rolon, CSU CO

For UC:

Howard Laurence, UCSD

For CCC:

Phil Howard, State Center CCD

Catherine McKenzie, CCC CO

For K12:

Alan Phillips, Imperial COE

For CENIC:

Cassandra Patrizio

Sherilyn Evans

ABSENT:

Lou Albert, LACCD

Mike Arnold, Kern CCD

Jeremy Powell, SBCSS and DC-TAC chair

Kim Dorsey, UCOP

Jack Lemley, Butte CC

Ken Lindahl, UC Berkeley and HPR-TAC chair

Jorge Mata, LACCD

Roger Parker, CSU Hayward

Mike Shannon, UCOP

Minutes from September 28, 2007 Meeting

The minutes from the September 28, 2007 meeting were accepted. The minutes will be posted to the CVS website.

Major Projects

Scheduling Software

With Polycom's notice that PCS will no longer be supported as of May 31, 2008, we have been researching options for replacing the scheduling software. While CENIC has excellent staff to support PCS as we research other options, we have been working to find alternatives.

Wire One has their own scheduling software, which they developed in-house. Since Wire One handles bridging for a large population of customers using MGC 100 MCU's, we expect their product has the scalability we require. We are also researching products from other companies such as Polycom and Tandberg, and we will continue to provide updates as more information is available.

People Plus Content (H.239)

The MCU's are enabled to support H.239, the standard for simultaneous video and content (e.g., PowerPoint slides). However, currently, H.239 only works when connecting codecs via IP address (bypassing the proxy function on the Gatekeepers). We are working with Cisco technical support to determine whether the Gatekeepers can be configured to enable H.239. No public announcement has been made about H.239 capabilities; we would like to wait until it is working in a more seamless fashion before offering it to the community at large. Cassandra will continue to update the committee as progress is made.

Participation in CVS by other entities

Cassandra Patrizio gave a brief update on the status of the fee schedule for non-CVS participants. The fee schedule has been ratified by the CENIC Board and is now ready to be utilized. The original sites that made the request to join CVS are both behind the Los Nettos network. CENIC will work with Celeste Anderson of Los Nettos to develop an agreement for Los Nettos participation in CVS, incorporating all sites behind Los Nettos.

CVS Policies and Procedures

At the last committee meeting, Cassandra Patrizio updated the committee on the review of CVS policies. These policies originated with 4CNet video services, and some of them need to be modified or replaced to reflect the current technical and operational environment. These policies include default call rate, adding "guest" participants via IP address (rather than ISDN), adding new codecs, etc.

Prior to the implementation of PCS, policies could be enforced centrally. However, with PCS, video administrators have greater ability to control their own conferences and may circumvent policy if they choose.

The End User sub-committee was convened for an initial review of the policies. Based on the committee's suggestions, Patrizio and Jeff Layne, End User sub-committee chair, made the recommended changes and sent the document back to the End Users sub-committee for a final review. The revised policies will be sent to the Oversight Committee prior to the next meeting. After they have been reviewed and approved by the Oversight Committee, CENIC will announce this to the video admin community and publish the policies on the CVS Web site.

Oversight Committee Participation

At the last meeting a concern was expressed at the decline in participation in the Oversight Committee meetings over the past several months. Patrizio presented the following options:

1. Continue to meet regularly approximately every 6 weeks as is currently the established routine;
2. Decrease regularly scheduled meetings to one every quarter and schedule additional meetings as needed to discuss pressing issues;
3. Only schedule meetings when an issue presents itself that needs to be discussed by the group.

The committee determined that option number 2, meeting once a quarter and scheduling additional meetings on an as-needed basis would work best for this group. In addition, a monthly email should be sent to the CVS Oversight list serv which will serve to provide informal updates on revolving issues.

Other Issues

Videoconferencing for the TAC

The DC Technical Advisory Council (TAC) would like to offer its members the opportunity to attend meetings via videoconference. They are requesting support from the segments in providing meeting space with videoconferencing capabilities for those members to use. Catherine McKenzie volunteered support via the CCC Chancellors Office if space is available on the meeting dates, John Rolon stated that as long as the meetings are academic in nature, there should be no issue with getting the CSU campuses to provide space, if available, at little to no cost.

CENIC Annual Conference

CENIC is currently in the planning stages of CENIC 2008: Lightpath to the Stars. Registration is available at <http://cenic08.cenic.org/registration/index.html>. Anyone interested in attending the conference or presenting at the conference can get more information on the conference Web site, <http://cenic08.cenic.org>.

Kudos

Phil Howard expressed appreciation for the NOC, particularly Shazad and Julia, who are always extremely helpful and friendly when he calls.

Next Meeting

Suggested meeting dates for the next Oversight Committee meeting will be sent via email.