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Attendance

The SC32 WG5 meeting was run concurrently with an FPDAM editing meeting for Secure RDA. The meetings were attended by nine people representing five national bodies in person, and one further National Body by email.

Resolutions

The Resolutions of the meeting are in SC32 N 0304, and that document provides detail and rationale to the matters outlined here.

Progression of work

The work on RDA3 was completed before the Brisbane plenary and sent for FDIS ballot. The ballot completed successfully, and we are now awaiting final publication by ISO.

Progression of RDA4 to FDIS was approved at the Brisbane meeting. Now that SQL99 FDIS text is available, the editing can be completed and the FDIS text issued.

The FPDAM editing meeting for the Secure RDA amendment, running concurrently with the WG meeting, completed successfully, with recommendation to progress the document to FDIS as unified text.

A working draft of the Encompassing Transaction amendment has been developed.

The meeting started with a substantial document as a proposed CD for the Distribution Schema RDA project, and an equally substantial document for the SQL/MED project. These documents appeared to cover similar ground and were the cause of concern to both WG3 and WG5. A substantial effort was made by the SC32 chair, the WG3 and WG5 conveners, editors and other experts to resolve the conflicts. As a result, technical understanding and alignment has been achieved, the editor of the Distribution Schema project has been given direction, and a mechanism for WG3 review of the document has been established. Following such review, it is requested that the document be registered as a CD and issued for ballot and comment.

To support this work, two subprojects of RDA4 are requested: one to further develop the security support for multi-site and distributed databases, the other to extend RDA to support SQL/MED.

A further project split is requested to provide an XML encoding for RDA.

The meeting met with the Export Import Rapporteur Group to explore the feasibility and desirability of progressing the Export Import work within WG5. It was concluded that there may be useful synergy in such an approach.

A further meeting resolved the issues relating to the name of the Working Group, and requests that the group be renamed "Database Access and Interchange".

The next meeting of WG5 is planned for London in October/November 1999.