

**ASMWG Meeting
Australian Aerospace, Brisbane.
26 November 2008**

Attendance:

Steve Grant	Boeing Australia
AJ Wilkinson	Absolute Data Group
Damian Sharp	DMO – CSSSO
Perry Johnstone	Boeing Australia
Jody Moore	TAE
Carl Sarelius	BAE Systems (Maritime)
Keith Starks	Defence – CSSSO
David Lowe	Inmedius
Julie Potts	Australian Aerospace
Ross Tattam	Australian Aerospace
David Wilson	Dept of Defence – MRH90
Rene de Koning	Dept of Defence – LEA TDC – Tech Pubs

Appologies:

Alan Wishnia	BAE Systems
Rob Hyde	DS Techwrite
Dennis Wood	DS Techwrite
Ian Culley	Defence – CSSSO
Trish Ryan	Dept of Defence – MRH90

Opening Address:

Meeting opened at 09:10 by Steve Grant. Steve started by thanking Julie Potts for hosting the meeting at Australian Aerospace. The meeting began with an introduction of all members present for those who had not attended before.

1. Individual company updates on S1000D

Defence: Had a meeting on the 15 Oct 08 with the PSMA's. They got together and indicated a single approach for S1000D in Defence. See Attachment A: S1000D ASWG Presentation.ppt for a more detailed presentation from Ian Culley.

CSSSO have requested the ASMWG to review concept document and provide feedback to CSSSO for further qualification.

Army is being guided to S1000D but issues are about the end user interface. Army require more education.

Boeing: Still looking at S1000D programs, current and future. Project Vigilare is underway using S1000D. Boeing are currently working with the software vendors to get stylesheets etc underway. Project JP129, has been released from Boeing under an agreement between Boeing and CoA. Boeing are currently looking at internal programs with long through life requirements for possible transition to S1000D.

Boeing US holds regular S1000D meetings. The USAF is expressing an interest in moving forward with S1000D for the heavy lift capability. AEW&C's have gone to S1000D in US.

Boeing has a great deal of interest in S1000D and willing to support. Lessons learnt; don't leave it too late for functionality testing. Users require a clear understanding of the S1000D specification for best practice outcomes. Boeing are also looking at the application of the Business Rules.

AusAero:

ARH is using version 1.7 of the specification. AA has performed analysis to transform their current data to version 2.2. The high cost to convert the data has deferred the need to continue. AA will conduct analysis of FSD from word to SGML. This will start mid 2009. Most FSD is in PDF. AA is conducting analysis of the possible amalgamation of Training and Operational data use from the CSDB. This is a positive move ahead. Lessons learnt from tiger are different from MRH. AA Has good communications with all involved.

MRH is using version 1.8 of the specification. They are at the opposite end from ARH. MRH purchased a box product IETP solution. CoA is making changes to solution. Looking at reuse of data stored in other areas.

BAe / Tenix: BAe Systems bought Tenix Defence Land Systems and Aviation mid year. Integration is supposed to take about 100 days. Those that have moved across are trying to get BAe management to understand ROI when using S1000D. S1000D in Land has stopped now Carl has moved. Maritime is trying to move forward. Aviation is being pushed by Alan Wishnia. There are issues with use of differing versions of authoring software packages.

TAE: Learning curve of S1000D over the last 6 months. Seeing how they fit into the big picture. Received Business Rules from Boeing and trying to incorporate them into current business.

Inmedius: Released version 3.0 of S1000D Manager and beta of version 4.0. New editor in beta testing and is based on the dita storm editor. No longer have a reliance on PTC Arbortext Editor. Integrating tools. I-convert tool for conversions of legacy documents to Data Modules. Inmedius are successfully expanding the business into Europe.

Here is that link to the ATA EBiz website. http://www.ataebiz.org/forum/2008_ata_e-biz_forum_agenda

ADG: Moving forward with version 3.0 upgrades and planning for Version 4.0 because of the complete rewrite of the specification. ADG recently released new E-Learning software that integrates with R4i CSDB. Currently working with customers to get correct interpretation of specification to ensure the correct application in the operational environment.

Spoke about the reluctance to proceed with the DEFDOC conference as this is a Defence and industry conference. For it to run in 2009, it has been asked of Defence and Industry to support widening to all industries (Mining etc) and financial support. For this to happen, full support is required from all parties with speakers and financial support.

2. What's new in version 4.0

See the attached version 4.0 PowerPoint presentation from Ryan Augsburg at the S1000D user forum 2008.

3. How are these changes going to affect Australian Industry and Defence?

Not many from Defence and Industry. Vendors will be the main people to be affected. The use and possible effects will depend on individual project requirements.

4. With the Merger / Takeover of Tenix Defence by BaE and requiring positions fillers, should the working group consider members from the same company holding positions on the ASMWG to fill vacant positions?

All of those present have no major issues with this happening. Carl Sarelius is happy to be moved across to Maritime Working Group position as he has moved to Melbourne and is no longer in direct contact with Land Division. Alan Wishnia needs to be approached about this change to see if he is happy to move from Maritime to Land. The ASMWG is also happy to allow multiple people from same organisation to hold positions.

A global email with an expression of interest for vacant positions will need to be sent out. Need to approach other companies, Raytheon, Thales etc. Regarding Explosive Ordnance and Land. Defence is awaiting approval to move forward and fill defence positions..

5. Update from the S1000D user forum if anybody attended.

No one from Australia attended.

6. Update on commitment from Defence.

As per the Defence update slides. CSSSO working on a draft paper to cover the implementation of S1000D ADF wide.

7. Response from TPSMG on Australia being part of international body.

Australia is now an observer on the Steering Committee.

8. Updates from S1000D Working groups and task teams if anybody is participating on them:

a. Business Rules and Implementation Guide Task Team

AJ gave a brief overview of works being taken to find the best way to mark up the BR Decision Points in the MS Word copy of the specification and that a business case needed to be submitted to the steering committee to convert the specification into XML.

9. Action Items from meeting 30 May 08. Completed and Outstanding.

- a. Create a Distribution List for work group and observers. **Completed**

Find other users of S1000D to add to distribution list.

- b. Website Domain name - Austechpubs.com.au – this is the one chosen. **Completed**

- c. Defence decisions from DMO on persons nominated for WG are due next week. **Unknown**

- d. Distribute defence decision to Dist List **Unknown** - As above.

- e. Update Org Chart **Completed**

- f. DS Techwrite to develop website and host. This page is now active and can now be found at <http://www.austechpubs.com.au> . **Completed**

- g. Trish to work with DMO contacts for DMO Newsletter. **Unknown**

- h. Develop an article for release in newsletter **Unknown**

- i. Pathways into defence executive for S1000D education. **Unknown**

- j. David Lowe is to pass on the contact for QinetiQ Novare to Steve Grant to see if they would like to participate in the working group as the member for the EOPWG. **Completed**

- k. Email Mr Paul Haslam regarding the use of S1000D in the website domain name. **Completed**

- l. Investigate webex phone number. **Steve \ Perry to supply**

10. New Action Items:

- a. Respond to CSSSO with feedback on concept paper submitted on S1000D by COB 18 Dec 2008. (All)

- i. TELECON to discuss response to feedback. Jan 2009 (All)

- b. Response back to ADG with ideas for updated DEFDOC conference and to expand beyond defence and aerospace. Required by COB 5 Dec 2008 (All)

- c. List of requirements from Defence and Industry for promotion of the techdoc conference. (AJ)

- d. Defence decisions from DMO on persons nominated for WG are due Feb 2009. (Damian)

- e. Develop an article for release in newsletter. Follow up with Trish Ryan. (David).

- f. Add links to website for User Forum presentations (AJ)

- g. Look at global email for working group and place it on website.

- h. Contact Alan Wishnia about changing WG positions. (Carl)

- i. Consider reorganisation of ASMWG at the next meeting. (All)

Closing:

Next face to face meeting will be at the next DefDoc \ TechDoc conference. TBA

Next TELECON will be as required.

Closed @ 15:10