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TAC: What Started This?

- Email - Summer 2004 - "EPSG/APSG Working Better Together"
- Discussed at the APSG Meeting - 9/16/2004
  - What is the Task?
    - Better & more working relations between EPSG and APSG
    - Support from EPSG to have closer relations with them and to be more pro-active

TAC: What Started This?

- What is the Task? (continued)
  - Form small group to discuss and formulate tasks
  - Feed information back to APSG members and EPSG
- Members Defined and Approved
  - Barry Barrs (Committee Chair)
  - Jim Cain
  - Derek Salvage
  - Jon Stigant
  - John Conner

TAC: Early Meetings & Transformation

➢ First Meeting - 9/23/2004

- Initial Name for Committee - APSG Liaison Committee
- What is the Committee's Purpose and Name?
- Early Ideas:
  – Improve Communications Externally and Internally
  – Develop Guidelines/Standards Audits for software applications
  – Share the APSG Education Presentation

TAC: Early Meetings & Transformation

- Early Ideas (continued):
  - Request that new EPSG Guidance Notes be reviewed by this APSG Committee
  - APSG members would use this new committee to vet issues before shot-gunning them out to others
  - Help steward the utilization of the ISO/EPSG compliant terminology
- Different Names for the Committee are recommended

TAC: Early Meetings & Transformation

➢ Second Meeting - 10/7/2004
- Goals
  - Immediate - Education Exchange, Guidance Notes, Glossary
  - Intermediate - Internal Presentations, Education, Guidance Notes on Software
  - Long Term - Software Standards, Compliance/Audits, Political Issues

TAC: Early Meetings & Transformation

➢ Second Meeting - 10/7/2004 (continued)

- Initially address the Immediate and Intermediate Goals, but eventually this committee will concentrate on Long Term Goals

- Communication by this Committee with EPSG is a primary concern, but we also want to ensure that this Committee understands that the APSG Executive Committee ultimately decides how things need to be done by APSG

TAC: Early Meetings & Transformation

➢ Second Meeting - 10/7/2004 (continued)

- Mission Statement

  "Overall goals of this committee are to evaluate and advise the APSG Executive Committee with direction and initiatives that should be undertaken by APSG and liaison with EPSG concerning these directions and initiatives"

TAC: Early Meetings & Transformation

➢ **Second Meeting - 10/7/2004 (continued)**
  - **Final Goals**
    - Education & Education Exchanges
    - Guidance Notes & Publishing
    - Software Standards & Compliance / Audits
    - Other items as appropriate that further Geodesy, Cartography, Spatial Data and it's management
  - New Name - Technical Advisory Committee

TAC: Final Recommendations to EPSG

- Roger Lott tasked with presenting our recommendations to EPSG
- All Notes, Mission Statement, Goals & Recommendations distributed to Roger on Monday, 10/18/2004
- EPSG Meeting conducted on Friday, 10/22/2004

TAC: Final Recommendations to EPSG

➤ Highlights of our recommendations:

- Improve Communications externally and internally

- Education & Educational Exchanges

- Guidance Notes & Publishing

- APSG would like to take a more direct role in providing input into the EPSG database

TAC: EPSG Reply

➤ Highlights of EPSG Response:

- Jim Cain & Derek Salvage to act as interface between EPSG & APSG

- EPSG welcomes APSG taking a more direct role in providing input to EPSG Database

- EPSG would like to review APSG's Education Presentation, and see potential for us to collaborate.

TAC: EPSG Reply

➢ Highlights of EPSG Response: (continued)

- Welcome the Technical Advisory Committee in reviewing EPSG guidance notes and submitting comments ahead of publication

- Geodetic Software Standards & Compliance / Audits are tasks EPSG have discussed - this may be an area where EPSG/APSG can work together to develop a guidance note on this topic

TAC: EPSG Reply

➢ Highlights of EPSG Response: (continued)

- Propose that at a suitable major international convention, APSG and EPSG members should try to arrange a meeting to address common issues

TAC: Current Status

➢ TAC held meeting on 2/2/2005 to discuss in more detail EPSG response:

- No problem with Jim Cain and Derek Salvage being interface with EPSG

- Jim & Derek when necessary will contact APSG members for information plus APSG members can continue to provide information directly to the EPSG GWG

TAC: Current Status

➢ TAC meeting on 2/2/2005 (continued):

- Arrangements being made to share Education presentation by APSG with EPSG

- We did share recent presentations made at IHS conference with members of EPSG for comment

- Jim Cain to revisit GN16 and GN17 and advise TAC on if there is still opportunity to provide feedback

TAC: Current Status

➤ TAC meeting on 2/2/2005 (continued):

- • TAC members believe that it is going to take a GN to evoke a change with software vendors - maybe a GN to establish the basics and then address the audit / compliance down the road - Jim Cain to check and see what if anything that EPSG has already done concerning this

TAC: Current Status

➢ TAC meeting on 2/2/2005 (continued):

- Investigate which EPSG members may be coming to SEG convention in Fall and arrange our next meeting to coincide with that event - Jim Cain to check