



12th General Assembly Hybrid Radio Seminar and Automotive Workshop

12th and 13th February 2018

GA12/3 - Minutes of the 12th General Assembly

Monday 12th February 2018, 14:00 - 17:00 CET

Attending

Nicolas Bresou (RTBF)
Walter Huijten (NPO)
Nacho Serirul-lo (NXP)
Sean O'Halpin (BBC)
Ben Poor (EBU)
Thomas Saner (SRG SSR)
Joe D'Angelo (DTS)
Christian Winter (Audi)
Nick Piggott (RadioDNS)
John Farrell (Frontier Silicon)
Dave Walters (BBC) *
Roz Clark (Cox Media)
Dennis Laupman (Pluxbox) *
Alex Erk (IRT) *
John Vermeer (iHeartMedia)
Leo Andrews (Radioplayer)
Lars Muller (Hyundai)
Ros Clark (Cox) *
David Holroyd (Global) *
(* attended via telephone)

Minutes

Walter Huijten (Chair) opened the meeting and thanked the members for attending, and the EBU for hosting.

1. Meeting Agenda

The Agenda was approved.

2. Minutes of the previous General Assembly

The meeting unanimously approved the minutes of the 11th General Assembly

3. Presentation and approval of the Accounts

Ben Poor presented the summary of the accounts
The meeting unanimously approved the 2017 Accounts

4. Steering Board Changes

Ben explained the process following the resignation of Travis Baxter in October 2017, and the appointment by the board of Nacho Seirul-Lo of NXP

5. Approval of the 2017 Steering Board Decisions

Nick presented the composition of the board and the activities of the organisation in 2017

A discussion and questions followed:

Dave Walters: Is there a standard / RadioDNS definition of “a good quality implementation”?

Nick Piggott: No definitive statement.

Christian Winter: In the strategy discussion we agreed that SPI was the very minimum baseline, and then provision of visuals / dynamic data. We are still seeing some weak implementations of Project Logo.

Nick Piggott: We find we have to make things very “real” for people in the radio industry before they can engage well with it.

Thomas Saner: We should help broadcasters understand that a lot of this metadata should originate from one point, rather than spread across disconnected systems.

Nick Piggott: Service Providers can also help with our education process.

Dave Walters: Are you considering a quality ranking for user experience implementation.

Joe D’Angelo: If it’s HMI design you’re thinking of, that’s outside of scope. We have considered service availability and the content behind it.

Nick Piggott: We have very definite assessment of whether functionality is working, but we don’t get into defining the HMI. We do point out if we think some of the content or implementation is sub-optimal.

Simon Tuff: Is part of the processing pointing out sub-optimal implementations, do you need a reference library of good implementations to show people?

Joe D’Angelo: We use reference implementations and have contributed to the WorldDAB Automotive User Experience group.

The meeting unanimously approved the 2017 Steering Board decisions

6. Presentation of the Strategy and 2018 Plans

Nick presented a summary of the strategy discussions, and Nick and Ben presented the plans for 2018.

Nacho Seirul-Lo: The testing platform just checks adherence to the standards, not performance?

Nick Piggott: Yes, that’s correct.

Nacho Seirul-Lo: Is there any reference or example code that developers can refer to?

Nick Piggott: We do link to code that other people have written, but it’s not officially validated reference RadioDNS code. We don’t have a reference code set, an SDK.

Nacho Seirul-Lo: Is it sufficiently clear that the code isn’t official reference code?

Sean O’Halpin: There are partial implementations in open source in various forms. Could the technical group consider validating a set of code.

Ben Poor: A review of what’s existing code in open source? Yes, we can consider that.

Dave Walters: Is there planned to be a tour of automotive manufacturers?

Nick Piggott: No, there isn’t, but yes, there should be. We can also work on our links with

WorldDAB.

Ben Poor: We can consider how to get involved with Geneva Motor Show and the WorldDAB Automotive Summit.

Dave Walters: Can RadioDNS set up an escrow agreement for the operation of the DNS service?

Nick Piggott: We have discussed this previously, and the informal conclusion was that someone like EBU, WorldDAB, NAB etc. would continue to run the DNS servers in the event that RadioDNS was wound up. The education / growth would stop, but presumably that would be why RadioDNS would be wound up.

Thomas Saner: How are non-automotive applications being considered? The case of switching from broadcast to Wifi in a home environment.

Nick Piggott: We aren't stopping anyone implementing RadioDNS, but we are focusing our effort into automotive because that seems to be where the immediate demand is.

Dave Walters: Can the technical group also consider how RadioDNS has a role in voice platforms?

Ben Poor: It may be that we have to explore how to do that, and get broader support from broadcasters for structure metadata, it may be easier to go to Google / Amazon to educate them, but without that bigger pool of data, it's a hard conversation to have.

The meeting unanimously approved the 2018 Plans.

Walter closed the meeting at 16:45