
SB57/6 – Minutes for the 57th Steering Board

Tuesday 11th July 2023 – 09:00 ET / 14:00 BST / 15:00 CET

Attendance

Laurence HARRISON (Radioplayer)
Rosie KENDRICK (RadioDNS)
David LAYER (NAB)
Maximilian KNOP (Konsole)
Badri MUNIPALLA (NPR)
Nick PIGGOTT (RadioDNS Project Director)
Ben POOR (EBU) (Secretary)
Michael REICHERT (ARD)
Nacho Seirul-Lo SALAS (NXP)
Dave WALTERS (BBC) (Chair)
Christian WINTER (AUDI) (Joining later)

Apologies

John VERMEER (iHeart)

Agenda

1. Welcome and Introductions
2. Chair of the Meeting
The board appointed Dave Walters as chair for the meeting
3. Agenda
Approved
4. Minutes of the [56th Steering Board](#) approved
Asked for feedback on meetings in person/hybrid and it was agreed we should take the opportunity to meet as often as we can in person but with good arrangements for people to join remotely with video/audio.
5. Action Points Review
 - a. NP to create policy for fee reduction
and
 - b. NP to communicate with Konsole re: their request
Konsole have written to say they will end their membership, and that Max will resign from the board, at the end of 2023, but will settle their dues.
 - c. NP to develop a communications plan regarding development of enhanced hybrid radio functionality - point 9b
6. Appointment of a New Director to the Board ([SB57/2](#))
Bob Heads has resigned from the RadioDNS Steering Board and has proposed Neil Binham, VP Cloud Services for Frontier Smart Technologies.

It was agreed that another director from Frontier adds continuity and it is a good idea to have more manufacturers on the board, and there were no proposals for other candidates and no objections to Neil Bingham becoming a Board member, so it was approved.

AP - NP and RK to invite Neil to join the board.

How to achieve more diversity on the board was discussed.

AP - create action plan to lead us to the next steering board election to make the board more inclusive

7. Technical Group Report ([SB57/3](#))

NP took the board through the Technical Group report

a. Metadata push: No comments

b. Programme content language:

AP - The board agreed to send the revised version of TS 102 818 to ETSI for publication.

c. TAB: No comments

d. HLS/MPEG-DASH support: No comments

e. Inconsistencies identifying FM services: Acknowledgement that it's good that an organisation is using our standards to the extent that it's finding problems in new territories.

f. Android Automotive/Google support: Discussion with CW/NP about some of the specific changes we are aware of.

g. Advanced Hybrid Radio Functionality: discussion continued at item 9

8. Project Office Report ([SB57/4](#))

a. Financial review:

NP ran through figures and said we are about where we should be.

DL asked if Konsole will continue to support our demo app once they are no longer a member. NP said he believed so.

NP replied that Andy Buckingham is also working on a web-based demo, once he has completed this it will be given to Konsole to help them refine the Android demo.

b. Membership review:

NP identified the 3 outstanding membership payments and why they are still outstanding.

c. Events:

NP updated on how well both AutoTech Detroit and WorldDAB GA had gone. Autotech Detroit featured many more visits from people who already knew about RadioDNS and wanted more specific information.

Upcoming events include Radiodays Asia where NP will be speaking in addition to a stand in the exhibition space, Autotech Europe (15th-16th November, Berlin) which is also a potential speaking opportunity (TBC).

Our planned Automotive Workshop is falling in a busy time of the year, so we are looking at how best to arrange this around Autotech Berlin (November)

AP - RK to contact MR/CW about meeting spaces in Berlin for the Automotive Workshop

AP - NP / RK to coordinate a potential meeting of Steering Board members at IBC Amsterdam (15-18th September)

d. Comms:

Review from RK, including intention from now on is to be more proactive than reactive. We will also have presence on Mastodon / Threads / Instagram

AP - RK to setup Threads/Instagram presence

e. Software development:

discussed as part of financial review

f. HbbTV DNS:

NP updated on new agreement regarding excessive traffic

9. Major Communications Activities for 2023

a. Support for IP Devices ([SB57/5](#))

Update from NP: two items have been slightly slower than expected; the legal agreement that people will access the document under and improving the way we manage our CRM, which are being overcome.

Discussion about any delay from those who haven't already implemented ClientID, but NP said he didn't think it would be an issue.

AP - NP to create a legal agreement for use of the FQDN list, which will be circulated to the board before being made public.

b. Incentives to Implement ([TG25/4](#))

RadioDNS is trusted for the basic implementation but we are hitting bumps on advanced implementation. This piece of work is understanding what RadioDNS needs to do and at what scale to benefit everyone.

DW suggested looking at similar organisations and their data to see their levels of privacy maintained as well as functionality attained.

NSLS asked about making a list of benefits.

AP - NP to create the pack of benefits ready before the Autumn.

10. Any Other Business

a. Next Meeting Dates

i. 3rd October 2023 @ 14:00 UTC (online)

ii. Suggestion to move 12th December meeting to 14th November 2023 at EBU

Consider 14th or 17th in Berlin - ABU and Cariad could be possibilities for venues.

NSLS said to consider all introducing each other at the start of the meeting which was well received.

b. "Smart speaker sales have fallen off a cliff" - [BBC News Report](#)

NP asked for discussion and how this translates to digital radio listening on smart speakers, including what is the next thing we do with radio?