
SB61/4 – Minutes for the 61st Steering Board

Tuesday 16th April 2024

08:00 PT / 11:00 ET / 16:00 BST / 17:00 CET

Attending

Laurence HARRISON (Radioplayer)
Rosie KENDRICK (RadioDNS)
Maximilian KNOP (Konsole)
David LAYER (NAB) *
Badri MUNIPALLA (NPR) *
Nick PIGGOTT (RadioDNS Project Director) *
Ben POOR (EBU) (Secretary)
Nacho Seirul-Lo SALAS (NXP)
Jamie SAMPSON (iHeartMedia) *
Dave WALTERS (BBC)

- + Invited Guests joined us at 09:00 PDT (1 hour into the meeting)
- + Lawrence Galkoff (Radioplayer)
- + Yann Legerson (Radioplayer)
- + Guy Bouchard (IEEE BTS)

Apologies

Neil BINGHAM (Frontier)
Michael REICHERT (ARD)
Christian WINTER (AUDI)

Agenda

1. Welcome and Introductions with some members in person at NAB Show in Las Vegas
2. David Layer appointed Chair for the Meeting
3. Agenda approved
4. Minutes of the [60th Steering Board](#) approved
5. Action Points Review
 - a. PO to do comms activity around updates to ETSI standards - almost complete but need to mail to members
 - b. BP/NP to create job description for developer role - outstanding
 - c. NP to create job description for support/admin role - outstanding
 - d. NP to create a non-tech accessible blog-post on the technical group activities - in progress

- e. NP to create changelogs for the standards documents - see TG report
- f. NP and RK to update coverage map online and get some topline figures - outstanding
- g. Work with TG to work out their objectives for 2024 - see TG report
- h. RK to rewrite the Diversity statement and add some actions to work towards making the board more diverse - delayed due to meeting next week

NP summarised: It has been a busy quarter and we will hopefully have these action points done by the next meeting.

6. Project Office Report ([SB61/3](#))

NP delivered the financial report, updated on expenditure which is lower than the true picture as we are awaiting some invoices from subcontractors. The rise in membership fee hasn't been a problem.

NP and RK updated board on outstanding memberships

NP and RK summarised events since the last board meeting and upcoming events.

Review of the RadioDNS General Assembly and if more people could attend in person, it was suggested to move it nearer the WorldDAB Automotive event and also hold an in-person Automotive Workshop at that time too.

AP - move GA to be more adjacent and anchored around WorldDAB Automotive Event (plus add Automotive Workshop too) somewhere accessible in Europe. And review Articles of Association if needed to give more flexibility

Discussion on events, BM asked if there are plans to reach India to help shape the market, NP said that Radiodays had been very busy and that the adjacent Automotive Workshop had a high level of discussion including participants from other areas of the radio ecosystem.

Currently at NAB Show where there are 2 RadioDNS demo units, one on IEEE BTS stand which will stay in the US at NPR/NAB to be able to demo locally.

Upcoming online Automotive Workshop, we need to make sure everyone reads the minutes so they come to the online meeting they are fully prepared.

Suggested that the IEEE BTS might be able to get space for RadioDNS at IBC for a meeting, BP adding EBU are also at IBC.

AP: NP to find out if it is possible for an IBC adjacent meeting and who would be attending

Update on FQDN process - delay due to contractor availability.

Update on HBBTV DNS - NP asked board if we should end this agreement, will be looking at a formal strategy at next Steering Board meeting.

AP: strategy to address HBBTV DNS deal moving forward

At 9am we welcomed Lawrence Galkoff and Yann Legerson from Radioplayer and Guy Brouhard from IEEE BTS and introduced this part of the meeting with an update from Guy Brouhard on how the RadioDNS demo is working on their stand

7. Technical Group Report ([SB61/2](#))

NP introduced the report, saying there is one piece of work that is responding to requests from members about incorporating on-demand audio into standards and one that is updating a standard to fit new situations.

Update on on-demand audio / linking to broadcaster apps: merging functionality for broadcast app and vehicle app to be mutually supportive and listener friendly with the broadcaster in control of content.

The Technical Group has a series of user journeys which will now be tested, they have

been defined and the next step is to build a demo app but we need broadcasters to provide examples of the way they want to use this as there needs to be enough user journeys. What are the user journeys you want to test and provide prototype content.

Discussion on providing more info re location of countries and radio stations to disambiguate through RadioDNS. Looking at DNS TXT facility which has never been used before to differentiate this. RadioDNS has a rule to not accept registrations unless they are co-ordinated. Japan don't have RDS and it isn't permitted but they have a similar system which could probably be used. There is an algorithm in Github so a manufacturer uses a cell network to work out which country they are in and the whole process could be moved into DNS.

There was also an update on TAB: it needs some fine tuning with alignment.