

Meeting 25 nov 2002

International Board - Minutes of Meeting

Minutes of a Meeting of the International Board held in conjunction with the ALGIM Conference, Wairakei, New Zealand on Monday 25th November 2002.

Present:

ALGIM: Mike Manson President

Robyn Dines Vice President

Lee Pahi Scribe

GMIS: Kay Randall President

June Randall

Brad Brown Treasurer

SOCITM: Jim Haslem President

VIAG: Bouwe Rijpma President

Wil Janssen

Mike Manson welcomed attendees to the meeting.

LOCATION OPTIONS FOR THE 2003 INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

The options available are:

GMIS Salt Lake City, USA June 2003

SOCITM Birmingham, UK October 2003

VIAG Netherlands early November 2003

KOMIT Sweden May and October 2003

ALGIM Wairakei, NZ late November 2003

It was decided that the allocation should be on a rotation basis. It is envisaged that the list of available conferences will grow over time as more countries join the International Board.

Jim Haslem's offer on behalf of SOCITM to host the 2003 international delegates at the SOCITM conference in Birmingham was accepted. Jim stated that SOCITM would be honoured to host the International Delegates.

SYSTEMS REGISTER / IT SURVEY

Mike Manson (NZ) gave an outline on ALGIM's Systems Register / IT Survey and raised the possibility of duplicating this in other countries. This would then allow comparison reporting. It was noted that the survey is voluntary as opposed to someone "conducting" it.

Bowe Rijpma (NL) asked if the ALGIM survey could tell what the software does for the community.

Jim Haslem (UK) reported that SOCITM have a similar survey, but with the ability to do analysis, consultancy reviews and show overlaps and drawbacks etc.

The issue of e-government on a global scale was raised. It was agreed that a goal is needed to have one set of global metadata standards.

Kay Randall (USA) noted that there is difficulty in standardising within a state let alone a country or globally. He also reported that there is a countywide standard for financial systems in the USA Local Government sector whereby they have to conform to the National Government Standards.

INTERNATIONAL EXCHANGE PROGRAMMES

A discussion was held on the introduction of international exchange programmes. It was noted that similar programmes are available in other fields within the Local Government Sector. It was noted that the culture within IT is to "reinvent the wheel" rather than exchange ideas and knowledge. Therefore the concept of an IT exchange programme would require promotion.

The following criteria should apply: -

the exchange should coincide with the host organisation's conference

travel should be paid by the exchange's resident organisation which may obtain sponsorship monies and take applications

accommodation etc costs should be met by the host organisation
the applicant needs to apply for the exchange stating their case for wanting the exchange
the successful applicant would be chosen from these applications

INTERNATIONAL CASE STUDIES

Mike Manson (NZ) observed that this was a great achievement and thanked SOCITM for this venture. The question was asked "what is the next step – where to from here".

Jim Haslem (UK) noted that the UK has a smaller version and the follow up to this had proved more valuable than the original This indicated that follow up is extremely valuable.

A clear vision is required on how to take this forward.

BENCHMARKING

It was agreed that benchmarking can be a contributing factor in making decisions.

Benchmarking can be against one's own Council and also against similar Councils. The preferred option was to benchmark against one's own Council to monitor growth and improvements.

NEW LIST ON THE ALGIM LISTSERVER

ALGIM is to set up a new List on the ALGIM ListServer for the International Board.

The discussions ended at this point due to time constraints.