

Minutes of the Steering Group Meeting Tuesday 9th January, 2018

Attendees:

Shaun McCarthy (Chair), Carole Ann Smith (Secretariat), Carole Hill (Solicitor), Jose Abreu, Antonio Astone, Gisele V Boas, Josh Jacobs, Adrianna Rosenberg, Staffan Soderberg.

Apologies: Colin McKerracher.

Operational Update.

Carole Ann fed back briefly on the continuing progress of the website, LinkedIn and Twitter having already emailed out an Operational Data Report to all Steering Group members in Dec 2017.

Shaun suggested that Carole Ann emails the Steering Group any messages sent out on our social media re: ISO 20400.org so that members can email them out to their contacts and / or translate them into your own language. This was agreed.

Action: Carole Ann to continue to monitor views of websites and provide data updates. To email out social media messages to the Steering group members.

Gap Analysis Tool.

Shaun fed back to the Steering group that the Gap Analysis Tool was not yet ready to show to the meeting. Carol Hill has agreed to help on legal aspects of members using this site on the ISO20400.org website. As soon as the tool is ready to share Shaun will send it out to all members to preview.

Jean-Louis / Countries page on website. Shaun fed back Jean-Louis's idea for having a page for each Country on the website (and paying for this to raise revenue to fund the website) and asked if the Steering group members had any comments. Antonio wondered what the standardization board would think, Josh agreed with Antonio and offered to ask around in the USA.

Josh Jacobs told the members that UL are developing a website for public and private procurement at UL.com/spot where you can find any product type, see the company's sustainable credits, Green globes, recycle content, which can be searched for by country. Josh invited all members to go online and register (it's free to register). You can go in and save your searches. Shaun suggested that this is something we could promote on the ISO20400.org website.

Steering group feedback: Shaun asked if any of the steering group wished to share anything.

Antonio said in Italy at a National level ISO 20400 was not being promoted, that he has been involved with the standardization body but despite his efforts nothing has come to fruition – he sees other countries embracing the standard via an internal programme "View Point" and 2,000 responded to a Sustainable Procurement survey – the results will be made public and Antonio will share the results.

Jose said that during the year he and Gisele had struggled to gain approval for ISO 20400 as a National standard but now companies were showing an interest. Jose said he hoped that Public Procurement would soon also join in 2018.

Gisele has suggested a meeting of the Steering Group in Porto, Portugal in July and will feedback to the members the details as soon as possible.

Staffan reported that support in Sweden from the National Standards Body was not good. In Europe, Portugal, Sweden and Italy is challenged by the new directive and there is a lack of momentum.

Shaun reported that the UK was supportive in construction, some manufacturers and rail in the public sector but new franchised bids in 2018 will have ISO 20400 imbedded in the bid. This has already worked in Hong Kong and the Czech Republic has requested Shaun to deliver an introduction to ISO 20400 in September.

AOB.

None.

Dates for the next meetings.

It has been decided to give out all the dates and times for the Steering Group meeting in 2018 in advance to help members plan. It has also been decided to alternate the times so that all members have more chance to join the meeting as times which are convenient for South America and the UA doesn't suit Australia and visa versa.

Wednesday 11th April at 7AM UK time

Wednesday 11th July at 5PM UK time

Wednesday 7th November at 7Am UK time

Shaun has already sent out the invitations to your outlook diaries.