

JIC Executive Meeting

Sunday 21 October 2018, 13:30-17:00 Local Time
11:30-15:00 UTC

Minutes of Meeting

Location: Ariston Hotel, Paestum, Italy

1. Welcome, roll call, apologies

MNU welcomed new member Rhonda Facile (CDISC) and guests Heather Grain (SKMT) and Kristen Califra (ANSI).

2. Minutes from previous meetings

Correction noted by RDH:

6. Personal Connected health Alliance (PCH Alliance) JIC Membership (Decision item)
...TCO proposed that PCH Alliance be accepted for JIC membership, and MGL **RDH** seconded that motion. There were no votes against and no abstentions. The motion was passed (subject to administrative items noted above).

3. Agenda approval, requests for other/new business

WKU announced that the HL7 Board has elected to withdraw from JIC membership, but will continue to support the JIC website and SKMT.

HL7 is prioritizing their work and the JIC was just not high enough on the list. They intend to continue to work together with other SDO's to collaborate, but under separate bilateral agreements. HL7 felt that, with its focus on FHIR, the JIC is not in alignment. HL7 will intend to maintain its relationship with ISO/TC215.

Ensuing discussion consumed the next 2 hours of the meeting. Every member of the JIC Executive at the table spoke about the value of the JIC as a collaborative and coordinating body to support its SDO members, and were unanimous in their concern about HL7's withdrawal from the JIC. There was concern that collaboration only through a series of bilateral agreements between SDO's would not be nearly as effective as an international SDO "table" as provided by the JIC.

The JIC was likened to the United Nations, whereby both are not decision-making bodies, but are considered essential to providing confidence to stakeholders that members are communicating and collaborating wherever possible. It was noted that the JIC's "customers" are not the SDO's, but rather the world's healthcare systems and its leaders. Several members pointed out that the JIC was already having a very positive impact on government policy and direction.

JIC members confirmed their resolve to work with HL7 to better understand how the JIC could improve its effectiveness and value as a collaboration/coordination body.

RDH pointed out that, according to the Charter, an SDO member can only indicate withdrawal from the JIC by submitting a written letter of resignation to the JIC Chair and Secretariat.

The discussion concluded with WKU and EHA agreeing to revisit the HL7 Board's intent to withdraw from the JIC, given the compelling statements that were made by JIC members at the meeting. The Chair agreed to follow-up with HL7 to determine next steps.

4. Review of action items from previous meetings

Deferred to the next meeting.

5. Investigate uptake of PSSS

DNE made a brief statement regarding recent opportunities that had arisen where the PSSS was considered a useful piece of work. This work item was deferred to the next meeting when JMI will be present and can present details of a work plan.

6. Additional signature events

RST agreed to defer his presentation to the next meeting, given the time constraints.

7. Establish cross SDO Genomics program

BKI presented an update on xSDO Genomics activities to date, as well as the proposed formation of an ISO/TC215 Sub-Committee to focus input from that SDO. Other SDO's, including those who are JIC members and those who are not, are exhibiting a growing interest in the xSDO Genomics work, as both contributing and observing participants.

Next steps include a series of preparatory web-meetings in November-December 2018 to continue xSDO Genomics planning prior to a face-to-face meeting and discussions at the HL7 San Antonio meeting on January 18, 2018.

There was discussion about governance of the xSDO Genomics activity, which is currently rather ad hoc. It was proposed that perhaps the JIC could provide a "home" for this activity.

ACTION MNU will follow up with Bron to determine the viability of this and look at how the JIC can engage with SDO's that are currently not JIC members.

8. Coffee break

9. Standards alignment across SDOs

WKU reported that this was a very important topic for the JIC to consider. What is lacking currently is a governance framework for standards alignment, and it is unclear how the JIC should play into that. JIC members noted that many of the issues raised in the earlier discussion around HL7 withdrawal are related to this work item. It was hoped that HL7 will remain in the JIC, and that WKU can further develop this framework for the next meeting.

10. JIC Communications Committee Report

MGL reported that a Communications Committee work plan was presented at the last meeting, and documented in meeting minutes. Communications activities will continue per that plan.

11. Project Gemini: HL7 and IHE Collaboration

WKU presented a brief update on Project Gemini (more an "initiative" than a "project"). Given that both IHE and HL7 participants cross over, it makes sense to use the joint capabilities of both to develop areas of collaborative activities around the integration of FHIR into IHE profiles, as well as collaboration at development and testing events from both organizations (IHE Connectathons, FHIR Connectathons, FHIR DevDays, etc). The goal of Gemini is to move products

faster between the two SDO's instead of individually. An initial initiative proposed is a cancer project with image integration.

12. Reducing Clinician Burden Project

GDI presented a brief set of slides outlining the project, requesting comments from JIC members.

EKE stated that this work is extremely important, and she is looking forward to the outcome. RDH identified that clinician burnout was largely due to the volume of documentation now presented by EHR's to clinicians, and offered to send a related article to GDI.

13. eStandards Update

RST reviewed the recent publication of FprCEN/TS 17288 'Health informatics - The International Patient Summary: Guidance for European Implementation: Technical Specification', which is now out for ballot.

14. SKMT Update

HGR updated the JIC on the current status of SKMT. Highlights included:

- Number of users increasing, now at 21,260, across 63 countries
- Average Logins overall 3.8 (Indicates users return to the site)

HGR also outlined 4 options for continued development on SKMT, to add functionality and improve technology. Cost options were presented, together with a request for the JIC to consider avenues of funding that may be required.

15. New business

PAS reviewed logistics for the week in Paestum.

16. Next meeting and Adjournment

- Next meeting: Wednesday 5 December 2018
- The Chair thanked the members for attending, with a special thanks to PAS for arranging (and funding) the JIC f2f meeting at the ISO/TC215 meeting site.
- The meeting adjourned at 17:20 local time