

RETS Syndication Workgroup

Meeting Minutes 20090114

Information

Date: January 14, 2009

Time: 12 PM Pacific Standard Time

Location: NAR Teleconference Bridge

Meeting Type: Teleconference

Duration: 1 hour

Next Meeting

Date: February 11, 2009

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Agenda

- Review and adopt previous minutes
- Discuss the work-to-date of the standard transform between Listings.xsd and Syndication.xsd
- Discuss any questions arising from SyndicationReport.xsd
- Discuss rationalization of the Syndication schema arising from the work-to-date with potential changes
 - add an attribute of xml:lang to the Listing element
 - add a systemId to both the Listings and Listing elements
 - change the elements ParticipantType, WebsiteURL and PhotoURL from xs:string to xs:anyURI
- Discuss changes to the Syndication schema to consider the questions:
 - should inline binaries be permitted for media items? This item was discussed at

the in-person and the response from attendees was no in-line binaries.

- should SimpleMediaType have a key?
- New Business
- Set Next Meeting Date
- Adjourn

Minutes

Chair: Paul Stusiak

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Role Call

Gina Accawi, Falcon Technologies

Troy Davison, FBS Systems

Shawn Meissner, Move, Inc.

Alex Parr, Trulia

James Ridley, FBS Systems

Freddie Sarabia, Regional MLS (Florida)

Paul Stusiak, Falcon Technologies

James Townley, Point2

Alex Wingeier, CLRSearch

Adopt previous meeting minutes

The minutes were adopted as read.

Agenda Item - Transform for Listing to Syndication

Gina Accawi gave a report on progress on the transform. She has published the transform to the website. There is still work needed and she is looking for feedback. It should be complete by the next meeting.

[Summary of the discussion of the item. Should additional discussion of the item be needed at the next meeting, indicate this using the boilerplate 'Further discussion was tabled until the next meeting'.]

Agenda Item - Discussion on Implementation of SyndicationReport

No one was currently working on implementing the SyndicationReport schema, so there was

no discussion. Several people thought that they may be implementing by the next call and would have feedback then. Further discussion was tabled until the next meeting.

Agenda Item - Rationalization of Syndication Schema

Gina Accawi and Paul Stusiak gave a report on some concerns and observations about rationalizing the Schema. A short discussion of the possible changes occurred.

** Action: Gina Accawi/Paul Stusiak. Due date: next call. Action item: Change URL data type of string to anyURI.

** Action: Gina Accawi/Paul Stusiak. Due date: next call. Action item: Add xml:lang in all appropriate locations with an implied default of en:US when there is no attribute. This needs to be documented because it is not possible to represent this in XML Schema.

** Action: Gina Accawi/Paul Stusiak. Due date: next call. Action item: Add optional sysId attribute.

Agenda Item - Discussion on In-Line Binaries in Media

Paul Stusiak gave a report on discussion and action from the December in-person meeting in Scottsdale. Since many of the attendees who attended were not regular participants on the calls, Paul gave them the summary of the discussion and the action decided that was not to support in-line binaries. The attendees of this meeting affirmed that decision.

New Business Item - Request for Information on Implementations

Paul Stusiak asked if anyone was in implementation using the Syndication schema. Alex Wingeier of CLRSearch stated that they were currently implementing.

New Business Item - Request for Documentation Suite for Syndication

Alex Parr and others stated their concern that Mom and Pop syndicators would need a document like that found on Trulia and Yahoo! to assist them in implementing. Further, a single location to point people to would be good.

** Action: Paul Stusiak. Due date: before April Action item: Set up a webpage infopage www.rets.org/syndication with an implementation guide. Paul will ask NAR for funding for this.

New Business - Workgroup Participation and Meetings

Paul Stusiak made a suggestion to better manage the workgroup through participation. Specifically, membership would be conferred on a person by attending two or more

teleconference meetings or two or more in-person meetings. People who were interested in the workgroup should still receive information about the workgroup, but voting should be based on participation since this is a complex issue. The group agreed. Further discussion will occur on the exact mechanism for this in a future meeting.

** Action: Paul Stusiak. Due date: next meeting Action item: Update the website with a count meetings that members have attended this calendar year.

Set Next Meeting

The next scheduled meeting was for January 28th. The group agreed that it should be cancelled.

The next meeting is to be held on the teleconference bridge on February 11, 2009 at 12 PM Pacific Standard Time. The usual connection information applies: 800 727-7709, participant code 83592369#.

The agenda will be sent to the group before the meeting.

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 12:45 PM Pacific Standard Time.