Minutes

MEETING NAME  WG-34 Photoacoustics Teleconference

MEETING PLACE/DIAL IN

DATE & TIME  Wednesday, February 08, 2023, 12:05 PM ET

PRESIDING OFFICERS  American College of Radiology  Brian Bialecki (Co-Chair)
Seno Medical Instruments  Allison Bertrand (Co-Chair)

VOTING MEMBERS  Present
Seno Medical Instruments  Bryan Clingman
University College London  Ben Cox

VOTING MEMBERS  Absent
University of Cambridge  Sarah Bohndiek*
Carl Zeiss Meditec AG  Stefanie Freitag*
iThera Medical GmbH  Patrick Leisching, Alt-Voting
SuperSonic Imagine  Damien Lerat*
GE Healthcare  Steven Nichols*
iThera Medical GmbH  Patricia Smole

*Not present at two consecutive meetings and therefore not counted for quorum during this tcon

DICOM SECRETARIAT  Joint: SPIE/IPASC
Amanda Kalkwarf, SPIE, Secretariat

1. OPENING ITEMS:
   - Call to order: The meeting was called to order. Staff recorded attendance and confirmed that a quorum was present.
   - NEMA Antitrust rules and DICOM Patent Policy: Staff reviewed the Guidelines for Conducting NEMA Meetings and patent policy.

2. REVIEW AND APPROVE AGENDA: The agenda was reviewed and approved.

3. REVIEW MINUTES: The minutes from the 2023-01-11 meeting were reviewed and approved.
4. **TOPIC ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED:**
   - **Release of the Letter Ballot – voting deadline March 09, 2023:**
     It was reported the Letter Ballot was released with a deadline of March 09, 2023.
   - **Next WG-06 meeting March 21, March 23, 2023:**
     The next meeting for WG-06 will be held on March 21 and 23, 2023.
   - **Propose next meeting March 15, 2023 to discuss any Letter Ballot feedback:**
     It was reported that Letter Ballot feedback will be sent to WG-34 as it is submitted. WG-34 projected minimal feedback. Previous experiences with Letter Ballot voting were reviewed.
   - **Discussion of Algorithm Family proposed values:**
     A member presented modified definitions. Alternately, WG-34 could also say these values are so general they do not need to be included. Another option would be to make it optional.
     
     A member asked if Photoacoustic has more options for algorithms. Another member replied that first the algorithm must be dealt with, and then permutations of permutations. Another member said in general, this is not specific to Photoacoustic, but if WG-06 wants to make it general, there should be discussions about use cases, permutations, and hybrids.
     
     There was agreement to leave it as-is and ask WG-06 to clarify the intent of including it.
     
     Cox was tasked with providing some slides.
     
     There was agreement that if WG-34 decides to add anything before March, they can include a Change Proposal (CP), and place a note in Open Items about it.
   - **Status of PA DICOM example file development:**
     A DICOM consultant from iThera was tasked with working on the example file development, but WG-34 members have not yet heard back from him.
   - **Any Additional Items:**
     Cox reported that the individual who left public comments said he was satisfied by the responses provided by WG-34.

5. **Reminder of DICOM resources:**

   **FTP Server for exchange of documents:**
   
   ftp://d9-workgrps:Private15@medical.nema.org/MEDICAL/Private/Dicom/WORKGRPS/WG34/
Email listserv for discussion (must be on the list to post):

nema1+dicom-wg34-1579@discoursemail.com

Discussion guidelines: Use for directly related technical information, and avoid antitrust topics and discussion of patented technology (known patents must be disclosed)

Meeting Minutes

Will be circulated online and posted under WG-34 page here: https://www.dicomstandard.org/wgs

New members please fill this out: https://www.dicomstandard.org/participate All are welcome. Voting members of this group are required to sign an organizational patent form (unless an individual, e.g. a student). Those wishing to join as a member of the DICOM Standard Committee to have input on DICOM’s priorities may inquire at the participate form.

6. OLD BUSINESS/NEW BUSINESS

7. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING: Wednesday 12 April 2023, 12:05 PM ET