

Liaison Report from OASIS Open Document Format TC to ISO/IEC JTC 1/SC34

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Liaison Representatives

The OASIS Liaison Policy¹ defines the responsibilities of Organizational as well as Technical Committee (TC) liaisons representatives. TC liaison representatives are appointed by a TC to represent the TC's interests in the work of another organization, but that person does not officially represent OASIS, and cannot speak for or obligate OASIS in any way. Only persons appointed as an organizational liaison representative may represent OASIS.

The TC liaison representatives appointed by the OASIS ODF TC are:

- SC34, Patrick Durusau (Project Editor)
- SC34/WG4, Doug Mahugh
- SC34/WG6, Rob Weir, Dennis Hamilton

ISO/IEC 26300 Maintenance

The status of the three defect reports received from SC34 NBs are as follows:

- N0492, addressed in OASIS ODF 1.0 Errata 01, also approved and published as 26300:2006/Cor.1:2010
- N1078 & N1309, addressed in Part 2 of OASIS ODF 1.0 Errata, was approved by SC34 on 2011-04-27 and has been submitted to ITTF for publication.

Additionally, OASIS previously submitted the ODF 1.1 specification for processing as an amendment to ISO/IEC 26300:2006. ODF 1.1 brought many accessibility enhancements to ODF. The FPDAM ballot passed on 2011-06-16. We've worked with WG6 on disposition of comments and expect to start the FDAM ballot soon.

There are no remaining NB defect reports for ISO/IEC 26300, however we do continue to

¹ <http://www.oasis-open.org/policies-guidelines/liaison>

track comments submitted by individual SC34 technical experts, OASIS members as well as from the general public. These comments can be accessed via our JIRA issue tracking system at the following URL:

<http://tools.oasis-open.org/issues/browse/OFFICE>

SC34 technical experts may submit additional comments via the TC's public comment list, according to the instructions here:

http://www.oasis-open.org/committees/comments/index.php?wg_abbrev=office

OASIS ODF 1.2 Candidate OASIS Standard

We are pleased to announced that the ODF TC has approved ODF 1.2 as a Candidate OASIS Standard and sent it to the OASIS general membership for approval as an OASIS Standard. This final OASIS ballot will end 2011-09-29.

ODF 1.2 contains a number of features of interest to users and implementors, including several items recommended to us by SC34 members. Highlights of ODF 1.2 include:

- A spreadsheet formula language specification (OpenFormula)
- Digital signature support
- RDF XML/RDFa semantic metadata framework
- General redrafting in accordance with ISO Directives, Part 2.
- Database front end support
- Enhanced accessibility features

After approval by OASIS our plan is to request that OASIS submit this work to ISO/IEC JTC 1 for processing under JTC1 PAS rules.

Development of ODF 1.3

The ODF TC is actively working on our next release, ODF 1.3. This is planned to be a two-year process, with Committee Drafts published every 6-months. The first Committee Draft is scheduled for October, 2011.

A particular area of investigation for ODF 1.3 is enhanced change tracking. This investigation is occurring in our Advanced Document Collaboration Subcommittee. We expect to send a draft OASIS Note (similar to an ISO/IEC draft Technical Report) out for public review in October, with analysis of the issues and opportunities .

Feature proposals for ODF 1.3 may be sent to the OASIS ODF TC using the comment submission instructions linked to above. Alternatively, SC34 technical experts with strong interest are encouraged to join the OASIS ODF TC and participate directly in this project.