

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

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Liaison Representatives

Our appointed liaison representatives to SC34 and WGs are as follows:

- SC34, Patrick Durusau (Project Editor)
- SC34/WG4, Doug Mahugh
- SC34/WG6, Rob Weir, Michael Brauer, 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, and currently undergoing a DCOR ballot in SC34, ending 2011-04-25.

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. This proposed amendment is currently undergoing an FPDAM ballot, which will end 2011-06-08.

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

We are pleased to announced that the ODF TC has approved ODF 1.2 Committee Specification 1.0. This is the highest level of approval we can give to the specification within the technical committee. This is similar to an FCD in the ISO/IEC process. After Committee Specification approval, the specification is next sent for approval by the general membership of OASIS.

ODF 1.2 contains a number of features of interest to users and implementors, including many items recommended to us by NB members, including:

- 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 JTC 1 for processing under PAS rules. We anticipate this occurring around mid-year.

Development of ODF 1.3

As work on ODF 1.2 completes, the ODF TC has begun work on our next revision, tentatively called "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 September, 2011.

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.