

February 28, 2019

Attendees:

John Wack  
John Dziurlaj  
Katy Owens Hubler  
Ericka Haas  
John McCarthy  
Ray Lutz

Status Updates:

- Where we are with CDF work
  - Interoperability work is kind of winding down, or rather entering a new phase.
- VVSG Term Glossary living version located at [https://github.com/HiltonRoscoe/GlossaryMD/blob/master/vvsg\\_living\\_glossary.md](https://github.com/HiltonRoscoe/GlossaryMD/blob/master/vvsg_living_glossary.md)
  - Eventually we'll build a NIST Special Publication on this and may end up in a NIST repository, but currently hosted by John Dziurlaj
  - NIST Special Publication will probably not be published until requirements are done so that we can make sure all terms that are in the VVSG are in there. Another few months.
- Election Results Reporting 2.0 <https://github.com/usnistgov/ElectionResultsReporting>
  - Complete, in a polished document, waiting to be official approved.
  - There will still probably be later revisions and another opportunity make comments.
  - Look at them like a first draft – once there is some usage of it changes can be made and subsequent versions created if necessary.
  - More comments on VVSG requirements, less so on the CDFs themselves.
  - If we hadn't had the furlough it probably would've been out six weeks ago, as it is it's still in the approval process.
  - Now identical to what Google and others will be using with VIP 5.2
- Election Event Logging <https://github.com/usnistgov/ElectionEventLogging>
  - Was complete in 2017 but has been languishing. Put it through the internal review process again.
  - When it was first written it described only XML schema. Since then we've focused on also describing the UML model. So there were some changes made in the UML model (not big). Classes, use cases still the same. Minor differences from original in some of the attributes.
  - Desire is that a device would be able to export a log in this format.
- Voter Records Interchange <https://github.com/usnistgov/VoterRecordsInterchange>
  - What has changed?
    - John Dziurlaj: Now has comprehensive support for absentee ballot requests. It can handle FPCA requests. It can also now support entire process of online voter registration. Added a transaction scenario where you can look up a voter and get their voter record back. It's a lot more versatile than originally envisioned.
    - It supports a lot of transactions around the voter registration system.
  - John McCarthy question: to what extent is this congruent with the format ERIC uses?



- May have gotten too descriptive in some cases. It may be better to point to other existing standards rather than having them within the VVSG.
- Would like to go through these in mind and see what is really necessary.
- COTS is being used a lot more, so does it make sense to have requirements in here that is in excess of COTS equipment?
- Would be good to have a conversation about what's necessary, what isn't, and where can we point elsewhere? Hope is to streamline the VVSG.
- Plan to hold meetings in March to go through these requirements as much as possible.
- A simpler VVSG and keeping number of requirements as low as we can, while still pointing to other standards and requirements, will make the program easier to maintain and more flexible. Especially with security requirements. The standards should be living rather than static.

Next Steps:

- John will send out some initial thoughts and guidance for what needs to be reviewed.
- It would be helpful to have good attendance in the upcoming meetings.