

Minutes
Control Protocols Working Group
Irving, TX
June 28, 1997

1. The Working Group Meeting was called to order at 9:02 a.m. by Steve Carlson, Co-chair with George Sabbi recording the Minutes. Steve welcomed all to Dallas and thanked everyone for attending. He then gave an overview of the ESTA hierarchy and how the ESTA Technical Standards Program works with regard to the P&P document and the Working Group/Task Group structure.
2. A round table introduction session was held and following this it was noted by the Chair that a quorum was present.

Persons attending:

George Sabbi, BASH Theatrical Lighting
Mike Rothon, Celco
Doug Fleenor, Doug Fleenor Design
Ed Jones, Edwin Jones Co.
Jon Ide, Electronic Theatre Controls, Inc.
Ed Arend, Electronics Diversified Inc.
Dexter McNeil, Goddard Design Co.
Dave Higgins, Gray Interfaces
Lary Cotten, High End Systems
Edward Paget, Jones & Phillips Associates, Inc.
Ian Clarke, Light & Sound Design, Ltd. (voted in at this meeting)
Rick Leinen, NSI Corporation
Tony Douglas-Beveridge, PLASA
Steve Carlson, Rosco/Entertainment Technology
Mitch Hefter, Rosco/Entertainment Technology
Robert Barbagallo, Scéno Plus
Richard Lawrence, Strand Lighting Ltd.
Achim Russ, Transtechnik GmbH (voted in at this meeting)
John Sondericker III, Wybron, Inc. (voted in at this meeting)

Visitors:

Greg Heinele, ETC
Charles Reese, Vari-Lite, Inc.

Membership qualifications were reviewed and 11 new members were voted into membership with membership status as noted with their names and affiliations.

Ian Clark, Light & Sound Design, Principal
Mark Hunt, Light & Sound Design, Alternate

William (Bill) Hewlett, Light & Sound Design, Observer
Achim Russ, transtechnik GmbH, Principal
Hans Leiter, transtechnik GmbH, Alternate
John Sondericker III, Wybron Inc., Principal (existing members become alternates)
Louis-Philippe Demers, Kunst Macchina Production Co., Principal
Philippe Jean, Kunst Macchina Production Co., Alternate
Richard Lawrence, Strand Lighting, Principal
Mick Martin, Showcad Control Systems, Observer
Philip Nye, DHA Lighting Ltd., Observer

3. The DRAFT Minutes of the March 21, 1997 Working Group were reviewed and Dexter McNeil moved for acceptance with Robert Barbagallo seconding. Unanimously accepted

4. Call for Patents

- 4.1. Steve Carlson reviewed ESTA position regarding Patents and requested that anyone who had information to report do so now. Rick Leinen of NSI read a statement regarding NSI patent issues and the full text of his statement is noted herein as per the request of Mr. Leinen.

"NSI would like to again inform the committee members of our pending patent obtained in the purchase of Colortran. This patent closely parallels the work being done currently with Ethernet use in the theatre. At this time no decision has been made as to what action, if any, will be taken once the patent issues. However, we would like it to be known that we have no intention of taking any action which would have an adverse affect on the industry. We would also like to let ESTA know that we have no intention of interfering with any of its' planned work. As a sign of good will, we will provide a copy, upon request, of the international version of this patent since it is in the public domain.

"Finally, we request that the meeting minutes reflect this statement so that it is of public record. We would also like to request that Calls for Patents also include Calls for Copyrights as outlined in Part X of the ESTA Policies and Procedures for Development and Approval of Technical Standards.

"Thank you."

- 4.2. Steve Carlson reviewed the Anti-trust position of ESTA

5. The Working Group Agenda for today's meeting was reviewed and a motion for acceptance was made by Dexter McNeil with a second by Dave Higgins without additions of other business and with it being noted that Item 7

(Advanced Control Network Protocol) would be handled as a Task Group issue following the adjournment of the Working Group Meeting.

6. The 100 Mb Ethernet Cabling Task Group report was given by Steve Carlson noting that a the new document was coming together and that it would be an overview of EIA/TIA 568 rules with added information on Labeling, Wiring Closets and Documentation procedures. He also noted that discussion on the choices of various backbones will be included.
7. See note in Item 5 above noting the move of the Report on the Advanced Control Protocol Task Group by Jon Ide to a Task Group session.
8. The report from the Analog Control Task Group was given by Doug Fleenor and he noted that changes as submitted by the Working Group review had been incorporated into the document. A motion was made by Doug Fleenor and seconded by Dexter McNeil to send to this document to Working Group Letter Ballot. Unanimously accepted.
9. Steve Carlson reported on DMX Data on the ESTA Website noting that anyone whose has updates or additions should contact Karl Ruling.
10. No other business was added or discussed
11. The schedule for future Working Group Meetings was discussed with it being stated that the next Working Group Meeting would be October 23, 1997 in Las Vegas NV in conjunction with LDI. It was also noted that a date of January 24, 1998 was tentatively set as a possible date for a future Working Group Meeting in Dallas, TX.
12. Lary Cotten moved to adjourn and Dexter McNeil seconded. Meeting adjourned at 9:32 a.m.