

BLIS Association 2003

Proposal for Virtual Annual Meeting

It is extremely difficult to find any time and location for a meeting, which would enable equal participation of members in a distributed organization like BLIS. Even participation in a teleconference is very difficult because of the time differences and costs. Thus, my proposal is to arrange a "virtual" meeting using email. The active admin group of BLIS has prepared the following proposal, and members are encouraged to comment and suggest any changes in the proposal, or express their support to the proposal.

Any BLIS member can make proposals. All official proposals must be sent to all members using the BLIS exploder. The deadline for any proposals is Friday, August 15th at GMT 24:00. If there are any proposals for changes, which would demand voting (like alternative Board members), the voting procedure will be at least one week after the final alternatives have been published to the members using BLIS email exploder. If there are no changes, which would demand voting, the proposal will be accepted in this form on Friday, August 15th at GMT 24:00.

Proposal for New Board

Based on the BLIS bylaws the Board consists of Chairman, four members and two deputy members. Either the Chairman or the Deputy Chairman must be a Finnish resident, but there are no other limitations. However, for practical reasons the treasurer should be a Finnish resident. Based on this the proposal is:

- Chairman: Richard See (Microsoft)
- Deputy Chairman: Arto Kiviniemi (VTT/CIFE)
- Secretary and Treasurer: Jiri Hietanen (Q-Partners)
- Member and Web Master: Patrick Houbaux (Eurostep)
- Member: Vladimir Bazjanac (LBNL)
- Deputy Member: Robin Drogemuller (CSIRO)
- Deputy Member: Yoshinobu Adachi (Secom)

The elected Board will be in the position until the next election in 2004.

Future Main Activities

The main activities will still focus on the web site and the information available to members. This information will support the uptake of interoperability into live AEC-FM projects through providing a central reference point for collation of this information.

The web site will also support the implementation of interoperability and the IFC model into software products that support AEC-FM industry processes. This will be achieved through distributing relevant information and providing links to other sources of information. Connection to the model server development projects and SABLE project will be a central part of BLIS implementation support activities.

Future Web Developments

- Hosting the BLIS FTP sites for users
- Creation of the "BLIS Software management system"
- Creation of the AEC BLIS pilot project pages.
- Creation of some online IFC related tools

Finances

One of the key tasks for the new Board will be to solve the question of BLIS finances, so that the necessary resources will be available. The current funds will be sufficient for the web hosting for some time, but it is important to get more resources for the development work.