Agenda for SCC Meeting 1-21-04 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm

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Revised Task List for the Committee

(Bernard Peuto and Kirsten Tashev)

The revised list of tasks is included in the spreadsheet "SCC Task List 19 Jan 2004". The discussion on the 21st should correct any error in assigning responsibilities and in estimating the duration of the tasks.

It is clear from the list that finding resources to hire a staff responsible for the software collection and to cover the projected expenses is critical.

Other logical task groups are:

- 1) Determining preliminary standards and the list of test candidates: From Jan to Mar-04;
- 2) Finding resources and focusing: From Jan to Mar-04;
- 3) Starting the testing process: From Mar to Jun-04, with testing continuing to Dec-04 (at least);
- 4) Broadening the scope: Mar to Dec-04.

With these inputs I expect the list to be finalized for the February Meeting.

Status Report from Software Metadata Sub-committee

(Mary Cicalese and Sharon Brunzel)

Status Report from Software Taxonomy Sub Committee

(Paul McJones, Michael Blasgen and Dag Spicer)

Review of Other Action Items

Revised Software Collection Criteria and Deliberate/ Collaborative Collecting

(Dag Spicer, Dick Gabriel)

Revised List of Candidates for Preservation Tests

Based on the feedback from the last meeting and after discussion with several committee members I recommend the following process.

We have a very large number of obviously good candidates for testing our standards and processes and few will argue with the names on preliminary list compiled for the last meeting.

Given the volunteer nature of the effort the most important factor to select between obvious candidates is the availability of resources and volunteers. The list below was selected based on my impression of strong interest in the suggested software.

For the purpose of this testing the most important difference between a member of the software 100, Software 1,000 or Software 10,000 seems to be in the thoroughness and depth of the collecting.

There is significant value in having a thorough effort of testing with up to 10 candidates but we should be ready quickly to cut down the list to 5 candidates, or less, if the tasks become too large for our resources.

With that in mind I recommend that we discuss the following list of 5 and 10:

- 1) Indexing our collection;
- 2) An early FORTRAN complier;
- 3) A word Processor (exact name to be determined);
- 4) An operating system (Multics, or OS360, or MS/DOS);
- 5) Viscalc;
- 6) A game software;
- 7) Power point;
- 8) A software 1,000;
- 9) A software 10,000;
- 10) TBD.

The list should be discussed and modified on the 21st. To determine the availability of volunteers I have created a simple form for people to fill up. It is attached as the last page of the agenda.

Web Tools and Set up to Support SCC

(Lee Courtney, Mike Walton, Dag Spicer)

Future Dates

Wednesday July 21 from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm. Wednesday August 18 from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm. [Should we have a meeting in August?] No September meeting

Proposed Agenda for Next Meeting

Metadata Presentation Taxonomy Presentation

Software Collection Committee

Computer History Museum

Status on Candidates for Preservation Tests Status on Web Tools and Support for SCC The Software 100

Current List of Issues

Focusing on CHM required actions vs. actions for the community at large.

What is software? What software do we collect?

Understanding the repository issues.

Conversion and data reading issues.

Scanning standards and other media standards;

Process for submission;

Auditing process;

Other institutions to work with

Audiences

Access is universal except for standard IP restriction

IP issues

Tax issues with software donations

Escrow for commercial software currently on sale

PC Application Software Conference May 5-7, 2004 in Boston

Report on Museum Computer Network Conference

Etc..

Next Meetings

Wednesday January 21 from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm.

Wednesday February 18 from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm.

Wednesday March 24 from 2:30 pm to 4:30 pm. [Note different time]

Wednesday April 21 from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm.

Wednesday May 19 from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm.

Wednesday June 23 from 2:30 pm to 4:30 pm. [Note different time]

Wednesday July 21 from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm.

Wednesday August 18 from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm.

No September meeting

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Test Candida	te Interest	Form	1/21/04
Your Name			

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Other suggestion			