

**Mailer Technology Advisory Council (MTAC)  
Meeting Report  
09/23/2014 1:30 PM - 2:30 PM**

**WORK GROUP #164 (WG164) SESSION**

**AGENDA**

1. Continue discussion on the framework for container and tray data
2. AOB

**DISCUSSION POINTS**

The purpose of this work group's meetings is to provide an ongoing forum to facilitate communications between the Postal Service and users, define and review improvements in process/production functionality and address and resolve issues.

**Attendees (Those who signed in under name)**

Angelo Anagnostopoulos	Dave Meyers	Mark Rheaume
Bill Barcheck	John Nabor	Bob Rosser
Amy Cradic	James Parnello	Kurt Ruppel
Jody Dayton	Ankit Patel	Tracy Sikes
Robert Dorre	Chetan Patel	
Charley Howard	Himesh Patel	Numerous "Call In" users
Judy Kalus	D. Propst	

**Data Distribution Presentation**

- Himesh - Not quite ready for today, but will have a presentation for next week's meeting.

**Update on Informed Visibility**

- Himesh – Still awaiting a decision from USPS leadership on IV Decision Analysis Report (DAR).

**General Discussion**

- Himesh – John Nabor is on the call from Pritha's group.
- Himesh – Key question from industry has been "Can we get data without waiting for Full-Service reconciliation?"
- Bob Rosser – WG163 met this morning on Supply Chain. By-For relationships complicate things. Referring back to e Doc doesn't work for everyone with qualification. Industry asking for the scans. WG 163 asking for finalization of By-For relationships after the mailing, but before month's end.
- Bob Rosser – Container scan information requires the Job #. Some stakeholders in the supply chain just want raw IMcb scans.
- Group shared the desire to use this data as a "Proof of Delivery" for transportation carriers as well as mailers and will contribute to a reduction in paperwork for everyone if solution provisions data quickly enough
- Himesh – Container and tray scans are typically available within 20 minutes. Unfortunately, we can't provision data until after reconciliation and determination of qualification of Full-Service at the mailing level.
- eInduction date, labeling list, etc. Mailing industry needs to have access to the same type of tools that USPS Operations and Mailing Information Systems is building to enable better insight/access to the data.
- **ACTION:** Himesh, John Nabor, Garrett Hoyt, Uni Han-Norton, and teams to meet to discuss latency issue. Determine how much of the delay is attributed to current policies on provisioning and how much is related to technology.
- Angelo – With more people using Full-Service, can we use the interim postage statement rather than waiting

**PRODUCT INFORMATION**

for the finalized postage statement (eDoc)?

- Moving forward:

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| 1. Look at what Steve Dearing presented               |
| 2. Look at the sources and root cause of data latency |
| 3. How do we do data distribution?                    |

- Summary of Challenges/Roadblocks:

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| 1. eDoc reconciliation   |
| 2. Policy with regard to data sharing (requiring reconciliation) |
| 3. Architecture issues   |

**Focus of 9/30/14 meeting:**

- Himesh will extend an invitation to attend to the PostalOne! Group for discussion of:
  - Need data in time to prevent issues from manifesting around monthly scorecard penalties
  - Work In Process (WIP) must be considered and impacted when any solution is implemented
- Group discussed “socializing” our pursuits with WG #138 and 143
  - Still feel we need their thoughts and feedback
  - Work Group #163 has brought up the concerns and all are fully compatible with this work group
    - Access to accurate data more quickly is a shared goal
- Can Group create a “Cause/Effect” type diagram to identify where in the process the most time and resources are spent?
  - This would allow us to identify optimal places where compression could be most effective

**Any Other Business**

- Meeting adjourned