

## Work Group 172: Pave Modernization

### 9/30/15 Meeting Notes

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| Bob Schimek            |   | Ariel Zhao   |   | David Propst    | X | Jim Garber      |   |
| Carlos Cruz            | X | Beth Bigelow |   | Ty Inman        |   | Stephen Colella | X |
| Steve Krejcik          |   | Adam Racine  |   | Daniel Myrum    |   | Mark Rheaume    | X |
| Angelo Anagnostopoulos |   | Chris Moning | X | Paul Kowlakas   |   | Tom Glassman    | X |
| Steve Belmonte         | X | Randy Ford   | X | Cesar Valles    | X | Dewitt Crawford | X |
| Lynda Hurley           | X | Bill Towery  |   | Danielle Aleman | X | Pete Furka      | X |
| Ed Wanta               |   | Stan Meglin  |   | Brad Hill       |   | Shawn Baldwin   | X |

- The question was raised: Does PAVE still have value?
  - Steve stated that PAVE is an important tool, but it would have more value if it was used prior to changes being implemented (such as FSS). It's an important tool, and wishes it could be expanded to parcels.
    - Can a utility be created that would extract mail.dat values and de-normalize the data and create a fixed-length structure similar to PAVE's current structure. Start with the .pbr and .pbc and work backward. Then you could run the file through TEM, which would check for presort, etc.
  - The whole goal is to have a good scorecard.
  - A fixed set of data is required as a baseline (similar to the fixed data in PAVE now).
- Tom: what are TEM's capabilities compared to what PAVE provides? A gap analysis should be conducted to evaluate the plausibility of migrating PAVE testing to TEM.
- Carlos: We should be prioritizing the PAVE validations to determine what is relevant going forward so a determination can be reached on exactly what platform should be used to implement PAVE certifications for the future.
- Steve: That would be like building a house to fit the furniture. We should be looking to what is available to us into which we can move the PAVE process, measure its capabilities, and then prioritize the validations to keep what is most important to fit into the platform that works best.
- Shawn: leverage the existing mail.dat and mail.xml.
- Pete Furka talked about the history of PAVE development and how the emphasis was on ensuring the integrity of the software. A static test with dynamic elements is needed, that is comprehensive, and one that can be easily adapted for annual changes.
- Shawn: by TEM, we are referring to the TEM vendor testing, not the TEM environment that any mailer can submit files for evaluation.
- Carlos asked Steve to provide a one-page flow chart outlining how a modernized PAVE might work.

