

**Mailer Technology Advisory Council (MTAC)
Meeting Report
06/11/2014 12:30 PM - 1:30 PM**

USER GROUP 4 (UG4) SESSION

AGENDA

1. Update on the data distribution issue (Himesh)
2. Brief on the Routing Code Suppression for redirected mail (Himesh)
3. Update on the new Working Group (Angelo/Lisa)
4. Any Other Business

DISCUSSION POINTS

The purpose of this meeting 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.

Data Distribution Issue

- Himesh Patel provided the group with an update. The Exception Broker seems to be the source of the issues.
- Lisa Bowes stated that she is still having issues and stated that she felt the solution was to turn off the Exception Broker. She also questioned whether anyone is actually even using the Exception Broker as there is so little documentation describing its configuration.
- After discussion, Himesh proposed the following statement to the group “The collective recommendation of UG4 is to suspend the Exception Broker”. The group was in unanimous agreement and no opposition was voiced.
- ACTION ITEM: Lisa Bowes and Angelo A. to take the action of investigating how to inform mail owners of the decision to suspend the Exception Broker.
- Angelo and Lisa Bowes are working on drafting the charter for the new workgroup.

Brief on Suppression of Routing Code Information on Redirection Mail

- Himesh provided the group with a brief review of the privacy issues surrounding continuing to provide ACS information on forwards/redirections when the recipient is part of a court-ordered protection program.
- Beginning July 19th USPS will begin suppressing amended routing code information.
- USPS still working on the 93 Redirection IMb (rIMB) concept. Currently waiting on the Investment committee to review the request. This solution will preserve the tracking portion of the IMb so that mailers will have visibility – including when the piece is over labeled.
- Himesh answered some questions about the Postal IMb (PIMb). PIMb with a “94” ID is currently used internal to USPS to encode routing information. The PIMb does not contain a MID, but follows a construct more like an ID Tag with a machine ID and date/timestamp. Currently PARS applies a yellow sticky label in the lower right corner of the mailpiece which often covers over the mailer’s IMb and the piece “goes dark” losing visibility from that point on. 94 barcodes are not provisioned to mailers so there is currently no way to match back. The 93 rIMb will replicate the MID and tracking portion of the original mailer-applied preserving tracking for the piece.

Update on New Workgroup

- Angelo and Lisa Bowes are working on drafting the charter for the new Bundle Visibility workgroup.

Any Other Business

- No additional issues were added to the agenda.

