



MINUTES OF THE INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE MEETING

Thursday, April 25, 2002

Port of Los Angeles
100 West 5th Street
San Pedro, CA 90731

Tom Armstrong, Chairman of the Information Technology Committee, called the meeting to order. The following individuals were present at the meeting:

Tom Armstrong - Georgia Ports Authority
Gustavo Espinosa – Port of Corpus Christi
Karen Ryan Tobia – The Port Authority of New York & New Jersey
Diane Manasco – Port of Longview
Cris Mowrey – NC State Ports Authority
Orin Rehorst – Port of Houston Authority
Larry Sposi – ASE, Inc.
Scott Brotemarkle – AAPA
Luis F. Garcia – Port of Los Angeles (Guest)
Cindy Ung – Port of Los Angeles (Guest)
Gordon Fink – Intelligent Transportation Systems of America (Guest)

The meeting began at 9:00 A.M. with Tom Armstrong welcoming the committee and thanking Susan Schaefer and the Port of Los Angeles for hosting the meeting.

The first agenda item was AAPA business. Scott Brotemarkle explained the AAPA Resolutions re-adoption process and it was decided that comments or changes were to be submitted by to the Chairman by e-mail before August 1, 2002 and that the committee would be prompted by an e-mail from the committee chair. The IT Competition was described and questions were answered as to judging and categories. The committee felt that there should be some time allotted for a presentation or short video showcasing the winning entry at the Awards Program in order to give IT achievement visibility before the port directors. The draft Port Technology survey was made available for comments and changes. It was agreed that the committee would revise it through e-mail communication between now and the fall meeting. The joint IT Committee/Operations Committee/IANA seminar was discussed briefly with follow up to occur when the dates are firm. The decision on fall meeting location and dates was deferred until the TOPAS meeting and will be coordinated between the IT Committee and TOPAS. Cris Mowrey of NC State Ports



Authority submitted Wilmington, NC as a possibility for an Eastern Seaboard fall meeting location.

Next, Tom Armstrong discussed the need for the IT Committee to align its mission statement and goals with the new AAPA Strategic Plan. It was decided that the committee would work on this action item through e-mail and at the fall meeting with the understanding that we would have this completed by the Leadership Conference in November 2002. Mr. Armstrong also expressed the need for a committee membership drive and asked every committee member to approach the IT Managers at the ports to their immediate North and South about membership on the committee with follow up to be done by AAPA. It was also suggested that Kurt Nagle write a letter to the port directors encouraging participation by their staff in the IT Committee. Mr. Armstrong will be writing a letter to Kurt Nagle outlining the InfoTech objectives and current initiatives so that Mr. Nagle can either include those thoughts or the letter itself to the various Port Directors, urging participation.

Following a break, there was a presentation by Barry Parker of U.S. Shipping and Julian Long of Polestar Space Applications on their product called Purplefinder. Their product provides real-time vessel tracking capability and electronic notice of arrival. For more information visit their web site at www.purplefinder.com.

The committee had an open discussion on security initiatives at ports and their impact on IT. Mr. Brotemarkle briefly discussed the DOT's plan to implement a nationwide credentialing system for transportation workers and that AAPA would be sending the DOT information out for comments as soon as possible. It was concluded that until security legislation is passed, ports are generally reluctant to bring on systems that may not meet the criteria of federal mandates. There was also great concern over who would incur the cost of these new systems and their operations and maintenance.

Karen Ryan Tobia discussed the PORTS (Physical Oceanographic Real-Time System) System and the desire to have it fully funded by a federal program for both the O&M of existing pilot project installations and new installations at ports. The committee was made aware of the Maritime Navigation Safety Coalition that AAPA is involved with on this issue and encouraged to view the materials on the web site.

After breaking for lunch, the TOPAS meeting commenced.