Minutes of the: 98th meeting of the Ecma General Assembly
held in: Mountain View, USA
on: 3 December 2009

President: Dr. Weijenbergh (Philips)
Secretary: Dr. Sebestyen (SG Ecma International)
Attending: Ms. Auber (HP), Mr. Bisson (NVIDIA), Mr. Breidthardt (IBM), Mr. Brookes (Sony),
Mr. Chaplin (Samsung), Mr. Crockford (Yahoo), Mr. Elzinga (Ecma International),
Mr. Estrada (Sony), Mr. Glinka (FujiXerox), Mr. Hammersley (AMD),
Mr. Horwat (Google), Mr. Kardach (Intel), Mr. Kumaki (Toshiba),
Mr. Lakhanpal (AMD), Mr. Manabe (NEC), Mr. McAllister (Adobe),
Mr. Miller (Google), Mr. Moore (Avaya), Mr. Neumann (Toshiba),
Mr. Nohnishi (Konica Minolta), Mr. Odaka (Sony), Mr. Ohsawa (Toshiba),
Mr. Samaha (HP), Mr. Sekiguchi (Fujitsu), Mr. Taniguchi (Pioneer),
Mr. Togashi (Sony), Mrs. Valet-Harper (Microsoft), Mr. van Bokhorst (Philips),
Mr. Watanabe (Hitachi), Mrs. Wei (Intel), Mr. Yamashita (Hitachi)

Apologies: Mr. Takayama (Sony).

1 Opening

Dr. Weijenbergh, President of Ecma, opened at 09:00 the 98th General Assembly meeting and welcomed all attendees. Mr. Horwat - as the host of the GA - welcomed the delegates on behalf of Google and explained the logistics of the meeting. Mrs. Valet-Harper – as host for the Social Event – explained the logistics for the dinner in the Fairmont Hotel, San Jose.

2 Call for Representatives (GA/09/183)

Dr. Sebestyen proceeded to the call of the Ordinary Member Companies' representatives, present or represented by Proxy to the SG.

6 out of 21 Voting Intentions Forms (GA/09/183) have been returned.

21 out of 21 Ordinary Member Companies were represented:

Adobe Mr. McAllister
AMD Mr. Lakhanpal
Avaya Mr. Moore
Canon Nothing received, default Proxy to the SG
Ericsson Nothing received, default Proxy to the SG
Fujitsu Mr. Sekiguchi
Google Mr. Horwat
Hewlett Packard Ms. Auber
Hitachi Mr. Yamashita
IBM Mr. Breidthardt
Intel Mrs. Wei
Konica Minolta Mr. Nohnishi
Lexmark Voting Intentions Form
Microsoft Mrs. Valet-Harper
Philips Mr. van Bokhorst
He then asked all delegates to introduce themselves.

3 Approval of the Minutes of the 97th GA (GA/09/107)
The minutes of the 97th GA meeting were unanimously approved, without changes.

4 Matters arising from the Minutes not covered elsewhere
None.

5 Adoption of the Agenda (GA/09/182-Rev1)
Dr. Sebestyen listed the additional documents that had become available since Rev. 1 of the document. The agenda was adopted unanimously.
7.7 TC39 - ECMAScript


Ms. Auber and Mr. Neumann (TC39 Chair) have reported about the activities of TC39. It was pointed out the TC39 is on good track with the implementation of the roadmap for evolution of the ECMAScript Language. For approval at this GA: ECMA-262 5th edition: ECMAScript Language Specification. It was pointed out that earlier versions of the draft Edition 5 were sent to JTC 1/SC 22 for review. It was mentioned that a high level of testing has increased the confidence in implementation quality of the new edition.

Plan for TR in 2010 including the test tools brings up question on software licensing (see later in the GA report.)

Tentative plan for a future edition of ECMA-262 is around 2013.

It was noted, that a successful collocated meeting with W3C took place in November 2009 – HTML/ECMAScript groups expressed mutual interest in continued future dialog.

Regarding Press Release Dr. Sebestyen said that a PR after approval is planned.

7.7.1 Vote on:

In favour: 19
Against: IBM, Intel
Abstain: none

This Standard will be published as ECMA-262 5th edition.

The “No” vote of IBM was repeatedly explained by the fact that “decimal” has not been included in the new Edition of the standard. The Intel “No” vote was explained with the reason that the time was too short for the Intel legal team of an IP review of the draft new Edition.

The GA then approved to submit ECMA-262 5th edition to ISO/IEC JTC 1 for adoption under the fast-track procedure. IBM voted with “No”, and Intel with “Abstain”.

7.7.2 Vote on:

In favour: 21 - unanimous
Against: none
Abstain: none