

CGM Open Foundation (member) meeting – 20151215

Attendees:

Ralf Berger
Benoit Bezaire
Stuart Galt
Lofton Henderson
Don Larson
Dieter Weidenbrueck

Previous Minutes (Members):

[CGMOF BoD meeting of 20151130](#)

Purpose:

CGMOF members teleconference meeting. Agenda: discussion of possibility of a CGMOF project to produce, maintain, and freely distribute a Web-friendly WebCGM viewer.

Proceedings:

Dieter presented basis of his plan, which has been under preliminary discussion with Don and other BoD members:

- A&D Industry depends on CGM.
- ActiveX Controls are being deprecated by MS and Google.
- Costs of conversion from cgm to svg or alternative would be enormous.
- SVG alternative? SVG focus is different not technical illustrations.

Need to educate A&D industry on the emerging problem and present the case that free WebCGM viewer is the most viable, economical solution.

A javascript based CGM viewer has been developed by a CGMO member. Source code would be required for the project, and could be made available. Availability of source – whether open source, or members only, or some other arrangement – was discussed and remains a potential point of disagreement.

There is risk of things unraveling unless something is done, Many agreed that CGM viewer should be CGMO priority. Interesting peripheral questions included: would Boeing for example use a free CGMO cgm viewer?

Next steps? If we don't do something industry will find it's own so alternative to cgm so CGMO should take action. Dieter has volunteered to write business/concept paper and circulate with members for comment.

Concerns: PTC raised concerns related to licensing, and would need to see details about such before they could endorse the project.

New action items:

- Dieter to finish and circulate a draft of a business/concept paper for CGMO review.

Next Meeting:

The next CGM Open Foundation members meeting will be Wednesday, January 13, 2016, 0800 PT.