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Introducing the Metals Industry Council

I am very pleased to welcome our new Metals Industry Council to this community. The Metals Council is being led and sponsored by the Metals Service Center Institute.

The Metals Service Center Institute ([MSCI](#)) is a trade association that supports and represents the most elements of the metals value chain, including metals producers, distributors, and processors and, to a lesser extent, the interests of metals users.

MSCI has more than 350 members operating from about 1,200 locations in the U.S., Canada, Mexico, and elsewhere around the world.

The members of the Metals Industry Council include:

Organization	Contact
MSCI	Chris Marti
Russel Metals	Mike Kelly
Ryerson	Brian Deck
Oracle	Mike Rowell
Nucor	Chris Ridenour
ThyssenKrupp	Robert Trotter
Reliance Steel and Aluminum	Karla Lewis
Council Architect - MSCI	David Sinclair

The Council is starting their work program by addressing the Order to Cash and Procure to Pay business processes.

Please join me in welcoming them to our community. Link to their website is [here](#).

Chemical Industry Council Update

The Chemical Industry Council welcomes the Metal Industry Council participation as the most recent addition to OAGi. The metals industry validates the chemical industry's selection of OAGi as the organization best able to facilitate cross-industry standards implementation.

In early 2008, in response to growing recognition of the importance of standards within the metals industry, industry leaders met with the CIDX staff to discuss industry-standards-development best practices. CIDX had been evaluating cross-industry standards-groups with early conclusions pointing toward OAGi.

CIDX's advice to the metals industry was to forego industry standards development and to directly engage an appropriate cross-industry standards group, like OAGi which resulted in CIDX transitioning to OAGi in 2009.

Our hope is that additional industry groups follow so that as we work on developing OAGIS X standards the vision CIDX had of true cross industry standards will become a reality.

Recent chemical industry participation in the architectural committee, and the transportation and logistics work team has validated our decisions. For any additional information contact either Tom Fannon, Chemical Industry Council (CIC) Chair, or Jim Wilson, CIC Architect.

Link to website [here](#).

High Tech Industry Council Update

The High Tech Industry Council continues it's focus on the Logistics Working Group. We are having excellent participation from several industry groups, including chemical, automotive, life sciences, and high tech. We are also looking forward to the metals industry participation.

Link to website [here](#).

Architecture Council Update

The focus of the Architecture Council remains planning for OAGIS Release 9.5 and the exciting work of building the next generation of OAGIS, OAGIS Release 10.

We also welcome the addition of a new member, David Sinclair, the representative from the Metals Industry Council.

Notes and Interests

Our Resources Downloads page has posted two new documents. We have a newly updated EDI to OAGIS cross reference and also a newly update where used spreadsheet donated by one of our community. You can find them both [here](#).

We have recently found some interesting sites on the web that mention OAGIS. The first three links come from an HR-XML meeting where OAGi staff and members did a short training class on OAGIS.

There are some other interesting links I invite you to check out as well.

BODs Part One - David Connelly presenting

<http://video.google.com/videoplay?docid=3927068157001499461&hl=en&emb=1#>

BODs Part Two - Mike Rowell, Oracle representative and Chief Architect

<http://video.google.com/videoplay?docid=8089897732946935762&ei=bewmS4PFM5Pc2gL-voi8DA&q=%22michael+rowell%22#>

BODs Part Three - Steffen Fohn, ADP representative, and Vice Chair, Architecture Council

<http://video.google.com/videoplay?docid=8169863731629843618&hl=en&emb=1#>

Other Links

[Interesting paper from the University of Belgrade on Models and Standards for production systems integration](#)

http://www.slideshare.net/chucka_nc/standards-2010-prospects-and-challenges-for-standards-development-in-the-next-decade

<http://www.scottalberg.com/?p=35>

Working Groups Status

1) **The High Tech Warehouse and Transportation Management Working Group** continues to make great progress. This is our largest Working Group at over 20 members. They are planning to finish their development work in the spring of 2010, so we hope to deliver this work in the second half of 2010.

If you are not part of this Working Group, I welcome you to write to us for more information. Remember this is a privilege of your membership in the Open Applications Group!

2) **The Warranty Working Group** is close to finalizing their work for inclusion into Release 9.5. We are in the Construction Phase at this time.

3) **The High Volume Working Group** EXI effort has completed their Project Definition and gotten it approved by the Policy Board. They are working toward building their White Paper and Proof of Concept.

4) **The OAGIS Release 10 Working Group** - The OAGIS Release 10 Working Group meets every Friday from 9 AM to 12 Noon Eastern Standard Time. They are currently reviewing all of the OAGIS Nouns as a group and renaming or remodeling them according to the CCTS 3.0 Data Modeling Methodology standard just released by UN/CEFACT.

They have also formed two sub-groups, one for manufacturing and one for financials to dig deeper into each function.

Please [write to us](#) if you are interesting in participating. If you are not a member of OAGi, I encourage you to consider joining our efforts. You can find out more information [here](#).

5) **Call for participation - Business Process Working Group**

We are calling a volunteer to lead this Working Group. The preliminary scope is to develop a standard for defining and documenting business processes.

For more details, please contact us [here](#). Thank you in advance.

6) **OAGIS with Web Services, SOA, and REST Working Group**. We are still planning to start this Working Group. We hope to get the team moving in the first quarter of 2010. Please [write to us](#) if you are interesting in contributing.

Meeting Calendar for 2010

We have three planned face to face meetings planned for 2010. The dates and locations so far are just below.

Meeting	Date	Hosted By	Location
Spring Meeting	Currently planned for May 5 -6, 2010	NIST	Gaithersburg, MD, USA
Fall European Meeting	Currently planned for October, 2010	GXS	To be determined
Fall Meeting	Currently planned for December 8 - 9, 2010	To be determined	San Francisco, CA, USA

Many Thanks !

Thanks to all of our members and supporters for your hard work. The Open Applications Group is about you.

Please don't forget, OAGi staff are available to help you with your OAGIS implementation. We offer training classes and implementation services. you can [write](#) to us to learn more.

Thanks and best regards,

David

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