

ISAC Meeting at Denver October 1999

Summary of Meeting Results by Molin Malicay, Co-Chair

1. Monthly telephone conference calls have been set for: Every 4th Wednesday @ 3:00 P.M. EST (two hours in length). An agenda will be used and possibly a facilitator.
2. The four subcommittees established at the July Albuquerque meeting are disbanded because the use of such committees are not an effective way to accomplish the ISAC objectives. It was concluded that the ISAC is a policy setting group and not a work group. Other established groups will be utilized to accomplish the work of the ISAC and provide advice needed by the ISAC.
3. The ISAC decided to make a statement on the future use of RPMS through a letter to Dr. Trujillo. RPMS will continue to be the standard of the I/T/U and continue to be supported and enhanced until or unless a better system can be identified.
4. The ISAC is recommending a study to see if off-the-shelf software can enhance or replace the RPMS system. The study should include the cost to obtain the software, installation, and training of any new system as compared to keeping and enhancing RPMS.
5. The ISAC prioritized the objectives (projects for FY 2000) for the DIR which included the continued development of and inter-face with RPMS and commercial-off-the-shelf (COTS) software and also third party collections. This was done through prioritization of the goals of the Strategic Plans for Information Resource Management (the survey that Keith had submitted).
6. The ISAC is recommending that the Chief Information Officer functions needs to be integrated into top management structures of IHS area offices. Areas are encouraged to use the existing models in effect at Navajo and Tucson.
7. The ISAC made no recommendation on filling the vacant position of ISAC. It was postponed until the next meeting to encourage more participation.
8. The ISAC will elect new chairs at its first meeting of the calendar year 2000, as described in the Charter.
9. The ISAC decided to have the Co-Chairs work on and do the NIHB presentation at the San Diego Meeting in December 7-9, 1999.
10. It was agreed that at the February 2000 ISAC meeting that "Group Dynamics" training would take place.