

Video Services Forum, Inc.
News Letter

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This is the second issue of the semi-annual Video Services Forum News Letter. The VSF feels that it is important to keep you informed about what is going on within the VSF since the VSF is **your** organization. As we realize that your time is valuable, we have kept this News Letter deliberately brief.

VSF Officers & Board Members:

Every year, the membership of the VSF elects new members to half of the seats on its Board of Directors. In February 2004, we elected three new members to two-year terms as indicated:

Director	Company	Term Expires
Jeff Carpenter	Artel Video Systems	2005
Pierre Costa	SBC Technology Resources, Inc.	2005
John Dale	C-COR	2005
Gregory Davey	Bell Canada	2006
Richard Friedel	Fox Digital	2005
Roger Hatcher	State of Georgia	2005
Derek Smith	Vyvx	2006
Kerry Wheelles	Leitch Technology	2006

The following VSF Officers continue to serve out their two-year terms, which run through February 2005:

President	Brendan Smith	Video Products Group
Vice President	Steve Storozum	Level 3 Communications
Secretary/Treasurer	Amanda Pappas	SBC/SNET

Administrative and Technical Staff:

Brad Gilmer – Gilmer and Associates is the VSF Executive Director

Barbara Main – Assistant Director

Bob Ruhl – VSF Operations Manager

VSF Current Member List:

Artel Video Systems
Bell Canada
CBC/Radio-Canada
C-COR
DIRECTV
Fox Digital
fSONA Communications
Intelsat
IPITEK
Leitch Technologies
Level 3 Communications, LLC
Miranda Media Networks
Network Electronics
Path 1
PixCells Communications, Inc.
SBC Communications, Inc.
State of Georgia
System Resources, Carl Ostrom, Principal
TANDBERG Television
Telecom Product Consulting, Wes Simpson, Principal
UPC Technology
Verizon Communications, Inc.
Video Products Group, Inc.
VideoTele.com, A Division of Tut Systems

Meetings and Conferences:

We hosted a very successful **VidTrans04** annual conference and exhibit February 8 -11, 2004 in New Orleans, LA. We had over 200 attendees, 22 exhibitors, and 5 event sponsors as well as a roster of superior speakers on key issues in the video transport industry. All in all, it was one of the best VidTrans conferences since the inception of the VSF.

In our efforts to bring quality content to members of the VSF community, the VSF and the Society of Motion Picture and Television Engineers (SMPTE) are currently planning a Joint Conference. This conference, which will take the place of the SMPTE AMI (Winter) Conference, will be held in Atlanta, GA January 30 – February 2, 2005 at a conveniently-located hotel venue. Both organizations are working together to stage a combined conference and exhibition which we have dubbed “**VidTrans and Advanced Imaging Joint Conference 2005**”. As soon as we have more details on the joint conference, we will share them with you.

The **VSF Spring Meeting Series** will be held in Los Angeles, CA on June 7-9, 2004 and will be hosted by Fox Digital. To register for this meeting as well as to review the meeting agenda and recommended hotel, please visit: <http://www.videoservicesforum.org/> and select Meetings.

The VSF Fall Meeting Series is planned for Oct. 4-6, 2004 at the facilities of Vyvx in Tulsa, OK. Stay tuned for more details on this meeting shortly after the June Meeting Series.

VSF Activity Groups:

VSF Activity Groups (AGs) supply input and expertise to various industry standards bodies on behalf of the VSF. These are some of the topics that VSF activity groups have addressed to date.

Ironworks – Documenting functional and performance requirements for the transport of digital video over terrestrial networks.

WAN Contribution Video over IP Infrastructure – Investigating high quality/contribution video over IP infrastructure.

Mid-Span Meet (MSM) – Enabling Video Service Providers to interconnect “mid-span” with each other

Dual 270 over ATM OC-12 – Specifies how 270Mbps video signals can be packaged into an OC-12 ATM stream

Video over IP – Discussing key issues of relevance to transporting real-time video signals across IP-based networks

Video Quality Metrics – Investigating quality metrics and measurement techniques for digital video signals

GR338 – Converting metrics that carriers use when specifying analog video signals into open standards

To learn more about these AGs please visit <http://www.videoservicesforum.org/about/index.htm>.

Well, that’s it for now. If there is any topic that you would like to see covered in the next issue of the News Letter, please contact Bob Ruhl at bob.ruhl@comcast.net.