# P1450.4 meeting minutes - 02/21/07

**Attendees**: Doug Sprague, Jim O'Reilly, Greg Maston, Ernie Wahl, Bruce Parnas,

Ajay Koche, Jose Santiago

**Not present**: Brian Johnson, Tony Taylor, Carol Dowding, Daniel Fan, Yuhai Ma, Bob Roberts, Oscar Rodrigues, Jim Mosley, SB Thum

**Agenda/Summary:**

- Preamble:
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  - IEEE Meeting Preamble (No discussion of proprietary information)

- **Finalize decision on approach for TestBase variables and interface** (Jim sending info for the discussion)
- **Start reviewing changes in new D17 draft (attached )**

- **Discussion of Ernie's email on paramaters approach for TestBase (sent 2/2)** (Friday, February 02, 2007 1:43:35 PM EST, Subject: [STDS-1450.4:] Parameters/Variables)
  - Motivation for Ernie's proposal was to remove syntactic/semantic differences for variables in TestBase and TestMethod/TestFlow. The previous proposal (made by Jim) had a different treatment of variables for TestBase than for TestMethod and TestFlow. In particular, the variables in TestBase were stated to be readable outside the scope of a block (TestBase is always part of any TestMethod or TestFlow block), while variables for TestMethod or TestFlow are NOT visible outside the scope of a block.
  - The issue of inheritance also came up – it is desired to have a way to control whether variables declared in a block can be visible in a derived block. The default would be to have variables hidden from a derived block, but if necessary, variables could be made visible to derived blocks. Finally, if the latter case, would that visibility transfer to a block derived from a derived block, or not?
  - Much discussion on these two points – no clear resolution, but Jim and Doug will document the proposals and issues, and distribute to the full working group.

**Next meeting:**

- Next Meeting 02/28/2007.

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