P1450.4 meeting minutes - 10/19/05

Attendees: Dave Dowding, Greg Maston, Doug Sprague, SB Thum, Jim O'Reilly, Jim Mosley,

Not present: Tony Taylor, Jose Santiago, Ernie Wahl, Oscar Rodrigues, Tom Micek, Yuhai Ma, Eric Nguyen, Steve Lill, Daniel Fan, Chris Nelson, Bob Roberts

Agenda:

- ITC-Austin TX face-to-face meetings (Dave D.)
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 - o Offer from Mark Roos-STC
- Progress report on Draft document (Dave D.)
- Progress report from the Conceptual Model documentation subgroup (SB-Ernie)
- Update/report from the Syntax subgroup (Jim O.)

Summary:

- ITC-Austin TX face-to-face meetings (Dave D.)
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 - Review draft documentation
 - Base document
 - Conceptual model
 - Syntax document
 - Offer from Mark Roos-STC
 - Would be willing to contribute STC money to have STIL meetings in a hotel conference room near the conference site (instead of at the Agilent site, which is across town).
 - This group is in favor of the change; Dave will check with Tony to see if the change of venue is acceptable to the dot3 WG and STIL User's group members. If the venue is changed, Dave will send out email with the details; if
- Progress report on Draft document (Dave D.)
 - Base document will be in place and on the web by next week. Will be an outline which shows the scope and organization. As the syntax document and conceptual model documents gel, those elements will be folded into the base document.
- Progress report from the Conceptual Model documentation subgroup (SB-Ernie)
 - Meeting weekly on Tuesdays 2:00 pm MT/4:00 ET. If you're interested in participating, contact Dave.
 - Need top-down conceptual view, with graphical illustrations of the various constructs contained in the syntax document, a
 - Need to reconcile syntax document and conceptual model.
- Update/report from the Syntax subgroup (Jim O.)
 - TestNode keyword changed to TestModule.
 - exit_port statements, action statements fleshed out. Syntax is now complete enough to describe a complete program and flow (except for binning).
 - Questions from SB Thum
 - Why permit general programming statements (variable assignments, conditionals i.e., If/Else) in a flow-description language?
 - What's the need for the InOut parameter type?

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For reference STIL .4 information can be found at the IEEE STIL website: http://grouper.ieee.org/groups/1450/ (select the http://grouper.ieee.org/groups/1450/dot4/index.html