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executive summary

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An AAT review of document production supports the continued metrication of aatideas print documentation processes. Efforts to upgrade and develop areas of the web site remain in process at the time of this report.

AAT devoted much effort this past year toward developing the ICAS standards, to developing the year 12004 AAT ICAS metrication kit, and to organizational administration. Thus a detailed report of aatideas web site statistics will be postponed for a subsequent program report.

AAT experience validates that there is ample incentive to pursue the development of standards for uniform scales of calendar and clock. And ICAS users report high satisfaction with the comparatively more practicable features accommodated by ICAS. Yet ICAS is an emerging development that is mostly unknown. AAT is however continuing to find additional credible support for practical uses of ICAS standards in terms of objectively evaluated best practices. As standards are not in themselves bugproof, these findings are not guaranteed; but AAT has not found a better system of uniform scales of calendar and clock than ICAS.

An alliance for the advancement of technology offers an exceptional opportunity to enhance community development in terms of educational and economic initiatives. Much work still remains ahead. Infrastructures for each of the featured special topics are certain to be transformed considerably. These developments call for proactive preparation for the applicable development and use of technologies.

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program reports

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AAT mission

Alliance for the Advancement of Technology strives to develop quality educational programming for members and other interested parties, to explore a focus on the development of applicable philosophies of technology, and to promote a proactive and constructive paradigm for the development of solutions to challenges relating to developments and uses of technologies.

ICAS in use

The New Calendar (NC), Uniform Calendar (UC) and Inter-Dial Clock (IDC) systems are part of the Integrated Chronological Applications System (ICAS). Unless noted otherwise, dates and times noted herein reference ICAS scales. Alliance for the Advancement of Technology (AAT) provides ICAS standards documents subject to terms of use described in document AAT ICAS Agave-9010. Please refer to other key AAT ICAS standards documents accessible via the AAT ICAS web site at <http://www.aatideas.org/icas> for important information about ICAS. AAT has made efforts to ensure the quality of ICAS resources; however is not responsible for errors. aatideas implementation of ICAS including Java are not designed for fault tolerance nor are intended for use in high-risk situations calling for fault tolerant software/hardware systems. ICAS in use conformance per the <http://www.aatideas.org/itunica/license/index.html> ICAS licenses page.

status of aatideas operations

Alliance for the Advancement of Technology strives to meet an ambitious schedule for programs development. An organizational culture that is dedicated to furthering the AAT mission is supporting the production and performance of various aatideas programs. Operations continue as a search for organizational personnel is in process. All AAT operations continue to proceed by means of volunteer efforts. During the program period and at the time of this report there are no employees nor contractors retained for the development or administration of organizational programs and operations.

AAT is supported by a small number of contributors, and has operated on an annual budget of less than 5000 \$. There are no program fee receipts to report for the 12004 program period. As of the issue of this report, there are no liabilities to report for the 12004 program year or for any subsequent or prior program periods. AAT is reviewing program operations to ensure proper reporting of tax filing information including the reporting of taxable sales for any sales subject to sales taxation.

Program operations are subject to director-level authorization, and are subject to conformance with applicable laws and licenses. Alliance for the Advancement of Technology is operated and directed by organizing sponsor Ronald Stone, who serves subject to organizational policies and operations. Information about contributors and members is subject to an organizational privacy policy that is published on the aatideas web site.

An AAT review of organizational assets at the time of this report accounts for both intellectual properties and for tangible assets that are subject to AAT ownership as a public benefit charity. AAT has developed and secured rights for the use of intellectual properties provided to the organization from certain individuals or other organizations including the organizing sponsor. These agreements were secured without any payments or other tangible compensations. AAT continues to develop and publish information concerning organizational intellectual properties in accordance with operations as a public benefit charitable organization. An AAT review of the controls imposed on the development and use of AAT assets has determined that the controls used are appropriate for the organization. At the time of this report, there are no substantial tangible properties to report for AAT other than a few remaining AAT metrication kit publications.

During the 12004 program year and to the time of this report there have been no third-parties authorized for program operations on behalf of AAT; no third-parties authorized for the development of AAT resources or programs; and no designated fundraiser agents for the organization. Any authorization of future aatideas fundraising programs shall be reviewed to ensure a careful and conservative approach to developing organizational resources in a manner appropriate for aatideas programs.

aatideas privacy policy

AAT takes matters of privacy seriously, and designates multiple methods to ensure the privacy of information processed or used in the course of aatideas programs or operations. The following describes AAT policies regarding privacy and the use of information in the course of aatideas membership or program operations. AAT personnel and other authorized third-parties with access to membership or program information are bound by this policy. Access to private information is strictly subject to AAT director-level authorization. AAT will collect or use information only for the organizational purposes directly related to its mission. AAT has not and will not sell or rent private information. Changes to this policy will only be made with proper notice to the parties (i.e., members) affected.

Information concerning name, e address, postal address, phone number, and payment method and amount is considered private information. AAT does not use browser cookies or any other methods of remote tracking and thus information compiled from web site visits is generally not personally identifiable. Domain or ISP information that is personally identifiable is also considered private information. AAT will not share private information with any third party except as specifically authorized for a designated operational purpose by an AAT director, or if the information is otherwise required by operation or law. Other parties will only be authorized for access to program information subject to this policy.

Web site visitors making credit card payments to AAT via the PayPal web site are also protected by additional privacy standards designated to payors in the PayPal system.

Network users should be aware that information sent via Internet is generally not considered confidential. AAT may not be able to guarantee the confidentiality of information sent via Internet. Information sent via Internet may be subject to monitoring by other intermediaries such as service providers; however other intermediaries are not authorized by AAT for any use of program information. In addition, Internet sites linked to or from the aatideas web may be subject to different standards of privacy and information use.

Submissions to aatideas programs from members and others are welcome; however submissions are subject to the policies and discretion of AAT and aatideas programming, including correspondence policies and this privacy policy. Unsolicited submissions to aatideas will not be considered for purchase or hire without prior editorial authorization. Correspondence is considered private unless it is designated by sender as program material for public or semi-public distribution. Prior to the use of any program material, AAT may require a party to certify that they are not a minor. In cases where a party is a minor, AAT may require a statement of parental permission prior to any use of material.

Participation in the Discussion of AAT ICAS on yahoogroups.com is semi-public. The forum moderator may however facilitate particular requests for privacy by forum participants by posting comments for them without identifying information.

If a party has a concern about any private information subject to this aatideas privacy policy, they may have an opportunity to review any pertinent aatideas program records. AAT may require verification of identity or authorization, and also reserves the right to charge a reasonable fee in certain cases.

Personnel authorized for operation of AAT have agreed to abide by designated agreements to ensure the privacy of members and others, and to ensure the appropriate use of organizational assets in accordance with the AAT Charter. Personnel authorized for operation of AAT have not received any funds from the organization nor incurred any financial benefit from its operation except as disclosed in budgetary documents for purposes of compliance with section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, with the California Nonprofit Public Benefit Corporation Law, and with the Minnesota Nonprofit Corporations Act. At the time of this report, and to the best of the knowledge of the AAT organizing sponsor; there are no conflict-of-interest issues to report for the current, subsequent, or prior program periods.

Fiscal operations are managed to support the AAT mission in accordance with the AAT Charter and policies and operations. Management prepares to anticipate the authorization of fiscal operations appropriate to any changes in scale of operation.

Fiscal operations are subject to multiple methods for each system and for each process to ensure both authorized control and accountability of operation. Access to organizational resources and information is managed for particular uses with regard to issues of security and privacy. All organizational personnel and others with access to organizational information are subject to an aatideas privacy policy.

Organizational funds are used in support of furthering the AAT mission. Funds may be used for publishing program materials via web site or other formats. Funds may also be used to support or obtain services in support of program objectives such as research and development, information processing, outreach, legal counsel, or administration.

AAT operations have been subject to various programs demands, and organizational operations have experienced a variety of both internal and external delays. Although various aspects of program operations were not always immediately documented, this has had no substantial effect on the integrity of organizational practices to organizational policies.

The continuing organization of AAT is subject to limited organizational resources. There remains yet much work toward furthering the AAT mission; however these continuing efforts benefit from the development and use of a comprehensive system of quality management. A review of AAT operations and programming supports continued use of the P9001 quality-management program and continued use of the Integrated Chronological Applications System (ICAS) of uniform or metric scales of date and time for operations and programming.

AAT ICAS

note on language support

ICAS is developed in English by AAT with some consideration for issues of translation to other languages. ICAS standards should be viewed as localization- and format-independent. Yet ICAS licensees and other parties should note that the official record and reference of ICAS standards for purposes of ICAS licensing are the English language AAT ICAS documents.

AAT ICAS approaches the development of ICAS standards for English as a natural language with reference to English as a common form, to anticipate the meaningful communication of uniform scales of calendar and clock across any varieties of standard or established English language usage.

An AAT ICAS approach to the reference of English as a common form is for the purpose of standardizing ICAS terms sets and usage guidelines for possible use among English language users in different regions. The approach is not an effort to standardize regional varieties of English in domains other than those relating to uniform scales of calendar and clock. The approach is moreover not necessarily a restriction on the localization of ICAS for particular locales.

Regional variations in the spelling of metric terms (UK 'metre' and USA 'meter') are not in themselves given any preference with regard to specifying English as a common form. As a transitional guideline, AAT ICAS elects to accept established regional spellings for purposes of English language localization. Resources for spelling include US spellings from Webster's dictionaries or UK spellings from Oxford dictionaries. The designation of regional English localizations of ICAS remains under consideration.

Additional language support including support for other languages depends on licensing demand and interest. AAT however is tracking demand for additional language support. Contact the AAT ICAS department for information about sponsoring or developing additional ICAS language support as a partner; or as a developer, localization, or administrative licensee.

document note: AAT ICAS Agave-3005 is part of the Integrated Chronological Applications System (ICAS). Alliance for the Advancement of Technology (AAT) provides ICAS standards documents subject to terms of use described in document AAT ICAS Agave-9010. Please refer to other key AAT ICAS standards documents accessible via the AAT ICAS web site at <http://www.aatideas.org/icas> for important information about ICAS.

quality-management initiative

Alliance for the Advancement of Technology values quality in operation and programming and seeks to establish appropriate systems of quality management in support of mission objectives. AAT is always looking for ways to improve programming and program materials.

The AAT Project 9001 (P9001) is modeled on the ISO 9001 quality management system. All AAT departments and programs are presently under review for the development of a P9001 quality-management initiative.

The various aatideas programs and AAT operations incorporate comprehensive quality management processes to help ensure operational integrity and a high quality of programming in pursuing AAT mission objectives.

Operational objectives have been approved at a director level for each AAT department. A plan for the development of additional quality management resources has also been approved.

P9001 quality-management is to encompass all AAT operations. All personnel are responsible for developing quality-management plans for their areas of responsibility. All quality-management plans are to be coordinated with an Executive Director or designee for review and use within P9001.

AAT continues to make progress in a review of operations under challenged but capable management at its present scale of operation. The organization is developing a knowledge infrastructure that may also be suitable for use in larger scales of operation.

aatideas programming

AAT envisions a community of informed constituents who are proactive about creating solutions to technological challenges. aatideas directs programming to parties deemed likely to have an interest in information about advances in technologies or in developing applicable philosophies of technology.

Program content is produced to be constructive, promote inclusivity, and be sensitive to community concerns. Programming is moreover to affirm a philosophy for realizing value in the diversity of various individuals and groups. AAT strives to promote integrity and credibility in its programming. If an issue is misrepresented by any party, the organization strives to be vigilant not to participate in such misrepresentation.

aatideas programming is outlined for modes of web and print publication, correspondence, media relations, and meeting presentation. Methods for managing the quality of aatideas programming are established in support of the AAT mission subject to the AAT Charter policies and operations.

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from AAT guide to timelines

AAT technology timeline

Looking for a chart suitable for a history of developments in technology? Then set up a display of the *AAT technology timeline*.

1 mm of the AAT technology timeline corresponds to 1 New Calendar year. 61 document pages span 12 200 New Calendar years across 12.2 meters of display.

UCN designates use of the Uniform Calendar for any New Calendar-era date: 12004 UCN (2004 AD).

UCA designates use of the millennial-place digits of the uniform tenmillennium yeargroup 10000–19999 NC for coordination of Uniform Calendar years subject to the Gregorian calendar: Uniform Calendar year 2004 UCA corresponds to Gregorian calendar year 2004 AD.

Years subject to the Gregorian calendar may be referenced as 'UCA' for Uniform Calendar dates and 'AD' for Gregorian calendar dates.

AAT cosmological timeline

Looking for a chart suitable for a history of cosmological, geological, or biological events? Then set up a display of the *AAT cosmological timeline*.

1 mm of the AAT cosmological timeline corresponds to 10 000 000 New Calendar years. 11 document pages span 22 gigalennia (22 Gium) across 2.2 meters of display.

The pre-teralennial (preTium) scale is designated as the teralennium immediately preceding the current New Calendar era. Year 12004 UCN (also 2004 UCA) would correspond to year 1-000-000-012-004 preTium. By definition, the uniform yeargroup megalennium (Mium) is equal to 365 242 500 main units (NC-era days) in 1 000 000 New Calendar years. The larger uniform yeargroups do not necessarily correspond to the number of terrestrial days in these periods, due to gradual changes in the duration of the Earth's rotation. Nonetheless, in addition to the use of metric prefix multiples of the IDC main unit, the larger uniform yeargroups provide another method for conceptualizing larger scales of time in terms of calendar units defined in terms of the IDC main unit.

special note: The IDC main unit is decimally coherent to a main unit of one day, and a fixed implementation is linked precisely to the SI second. Although uniform yeargroups are linked precisely to the IDC main unit, they are not decimally coherent to the main unit. Care should thus be exercised in the usage of uniform yeargroup scales.

A 12004 edition of an AAT ICAS metrication kit was recently published in support of AAT metrication month 12004K UCN. The metrication kit consists of Uniform Calendar organizers for the years 12004, 12005, 12006, and 12007 UCN. Uniform Calendar organizer booklets are conveniently formatted with plenty of useful New Calendar and Uniform Calendar conversion information, printed on a high-grade durable paper stock. Calendars also feature day-of-year and traditional Gregorian calendar information for each day of week. This year AAT also introduced publication of the following portable documentation format (PDF) documents available at no charge from the aatideas web site: *AAT ICAS state of the art*, *AAT overview of metric units*, *AAT guide to timelines*, *AAT technology timeline*, and the *AAT cosmological timeline*.

An AAT review of document production supports the continued metrication of aatideas print documentation processes. Document layouts are designed to millimeter dimensions. aatideas document sizes are now being designed for the use of international paper sizes to accommodate improved pagination and production. A4 letter size fits approximately 3 percent more text per page while accommodating taller content areas with less pagination, and moreover accommodates other uses of international paper size systems of document production and storage.

AAT processes of document production also accommodate systems of document production and storage to US customary letter sizing. Certain PDF documents, such as the AAT timelines documents, feature document size areas that are common to both A4 and US letter paper sizes. However other paginated PDF documents are designed for A4 letter sizes that can be scaled to 94 percent to fit a US letter size document area. The content of many of the PDF documents is also available from a variety of aatideas web page documents.

The primary medium of aatideas programming is the aatideas domain web site at <http://www.aatideas.org> accessible on the World Wide Web via Internet. Main features of the web site for the 12004 program year include the following:

- AAT technology timeline and retrospect
- AAT ICAS initiative
 - for uniform scales of date and time
- aatideas web areas
- special topics interface.

A general plan for development of the aatideas web site is to incorporate a number of web-friendly features supporting access to web site content. The plan calls for aatideas web documents to be held to standards of compliance with XHTML, section 508, P9001, and the AAT metrication policy. Particular strategies include development of XHTML designations, development of CSS structures, determination of content units, development of multiple navigation structures, and the development of dedicated site and ICAS index documents. There are however several aatideas projects. Efforts to upgrade and develop areas of the web site remain in process at the time of this report.

AAT observes 10 000 years of civilization

Join Alliance for the Advancement of Technology (AAT) in observing 10 000 years of civilization. The retrospect is designated for the beginning of the Neolithic period approximately 10 000 years before the transition to the 12000 NC millennium.

The advents of agriculture and fixed settlements, foundations for civilization, arose in the Neolithic period. Early Sumerian writing also appeared during this period.

The AAT technology timeline is an aatideas program developed in support of the AAT mission to advance technology education. AAT strives to develop high-quality technology programming sought by a growing number of web site visitors.

Take a moment to reflect on a brief yet broad history of technology—a history that includes mechanical, electrical, chemical, biological, and informational areas of development. Technologies have developed and emerged from many cultures, individuals, and organizations. Yet issues concerning the use and development of technologies introduce challenges and effects that become fundamental to a quality of life in a global community.

To facilitate a convenient overview of the dates throughout the historic eras, the technology timeline is presented in terms of the New Calendar (NC) scale. 12000 NC corresponds to 2000 AD. BC-era dates in the timeline are generally converted to NC dates by subtracting from 10 001. Use of NC is subject to ICAS, and readers may also reference retrospect program and timeline compilation notes pages for additional information about the compilation of the technology timeline.

AAT process review of retrospect program

The AAT technology timeline has developed from an aatideas program reference into one of the more popular areas on the aatideas web site. AAT is thus reviewing more formal program criteria for this comprehensive overview of several technologies.

- content should be appropriate for educational mission of AAT and reflect aatideas style guidelines.
- content should promote applicable philosophies of technology.
- content should cover key points of technology development or use.
- content should be constructive, promote inclusivity, and be sensitive to community concerns.
- content should affirm a philosophy for realizing value in the diversity of various individuals and groups.
- content should be suitable for general public of all ages.
- content presentation should clearly distinguish between editorial content and sponsored content.
- policies for coordination of content with other Internet technology timelines such as localized timelines or special topic timelines should reflect the AAT mission.

AAT devoted much effort this past year toward developing the ICAS standards, to developing the year 12004 AAT ICAS metrication kit, and to organizational administration. Thus a detailed report of aatideas web site statistics will be postponed for a subsequent program report. Until then AAT will report that a number of measures of web site traffic indicate a modest but not always consistent growth in visits to the aatideas domain web site. One trend to note is the continuing general growth in non-referred visitors 'tuning in' to aatideas. Another trend to note is the marked increase in visits to the ICAS documents over the past year.

Production of the aatideas in Brief e-zine mirrored on the aatideas web has continued; yet with less frequency of issue in relation to other aatideas program demands.

AAT ICAS initiative

Development of a Uniform Calendar and a decimal clock was identified as an aatideas program initiative a few years before the recent transition to a new century and a new millennium in 12000 NC. The 'Y2K' issue raised awareness throughout many organizations and throughout society about the effect of a new century on applications or practices that were designed in terms of decennial and annual year formats. Y2K policies and programs were scheduled in preparation for the year 2000 that had passed without any consequence in comparison with the hype.

The aatideas program for uniform scales of date and time is now called the Integrated Chronological Applications System (ICAS). ICAS methods incorporate multiple schemes of uniformity as practicable best practices for the design and use of calendar and clock interfaces. ICAS specifies a Uniform Calendar (UC), an Inter-Dial Clock (IDC) system, a New Calendar (NC), and other standards accessible from the AAT ICAS web site at <http://www.aatideas.org/icas> via Internet. Alliance for the Advancement of Technology (AAT) administers and promotes the applicable use of ICAS in accordance with its mission as an educational organization. AAT has approved the use of ICAS by AAT for purposes of programming and quality management.

Although there have been various practices and proposals for decimalizing time; to the best of AAT knowledge, there are no other organizations interested in the development of standards for uniform scales of calendar and clock. AAT has made efforts to find other organizations who might be interested in ICAS standards development. Certain parties have expressed an interest in recognizing areas of mutual interest for purposes of possible cooperation. And a number of individuals and organizations have been quite generous in discussing matters related to metrication in general or to ICAS in particular. Yet at this time there are no ICAS partnerships to report.

AAT experience validates that there is ample incentive to pursue the development of standards for uniform scales of calendar and clock. And ICAS users report high satisfaction with the comparatively more practicable features accommodated by ICAS. Yet ICAS is an emerging development that is mostly unknown. AAT is however continuing to find additional credible support for practical uses of ICAS standards in terms of objectively evaluated best practices. As standards are not in themselves bugproof, these findings are not guaranteed; but AAT has not found a better system of uniform scales of calendar and clock than ICAS.

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ICAS in use information

Heard about the new styles for writing dates and times*?

ICAS conformance level A as of 12004L29 UCN

(AD leap year day 329; trad 2004 Nov 24)

The "ICAS in use" logo is an effective way to communicate the use of user-centered formats for dates and times. Program details for usage of the official ICAS conformance level A graphic are outlined in AAT ICAS Agave-2062.

AAT is preparing to upgrade to a new version of ICAS standards for the use of uniform scales of calendar and clock. Be sure to check the AAT ICAS index and the ICAS development areas of this web site for current information related to ICAS licensing. Discover for yourself the convenience of a 12004 metrication kit.

*Because they are easy to write and clear to read, there is no question why they are the new preferred style for representing dates and times. Read more in AAT ICAS Agave and in ISO 8601.

Be prepared for an upgrade to uniform scales of date and time with ICAS.

from ICAS guideline

2062-01

Proper date and time formats should be readily unambiguous with regard to the scale (IDC or SMH, Uniform Calendar and New Calendar or Gregorian calendar) and with regard to the interpretation of component units such as day, month, and year. Proper formats are foremost clear with little or no formatting cues (such as yyyy-mm-dd). If a general user has reasonable cause to question which numerical units (e.g., 03/05/03) on a web page are year or month or day then the format does not conform with ICAS level A. Format components should possess an appropriate number of places for the proper representation of a component: hour, minutes, and seconds are properly represented to 2 places each, even if the first place is a leading zero (e.g., 01). Decitriads are properly represented to 3 places each, even if the first places are leading zeros (e.g., t001). Day-of-month is likewise properly represented to 2 places. Please see AAT ICAS Agave-2020 and AAT ICAS Agave-2340 and other ICAS standards documents for additional guidelines on the use of proper formats.

ICAS is designed in pursuit of development of a state-of-the-art system for the use of uniform scales of calendar and clock. AAT treats ICAS like community property and considers the views of ICAS users or potential users. Given the portfolio of sources from which ICAS standards are developed, and the potential range of applications and applicable uses of ICAS, ICAS development is backed up by a strong commitment to the development of ICAS within the purview of the AAT mission and Charter.

Moreover, no ICAS developments are known to infringe upon the intellectual properties of any other organizations or individuals. Throughout the development of ICAS, most of the developments relating to uniform time and date formats were not being made by other standards authorities or other parties. It may be that some ICAS developments may be subjects of AAT patent disclosures. However any claims for ICAS intellectual property would be administered in terms of ICAS administrative objectives and terms of use.

At the time of this report there are no registered developer, localization, or administrative ICAS licences other than for AAT. At this time there are also no public use licenses that would be reported.

AAT is established to operate for educational, scientific, and literary purposes. The development of ICAS standards is administered to reflect these purposes. Yet for many people the use of uniform scales of calendar and clock may also be determined or influenced by political or by religious institutions. However AAT specifications of ICAS are developed for purposes of conventional use rather than in terms of national, political, or religious affiliation. ICAS is intended to accommodate a continuing development and use of a coherent system of measurement that is suitable 'for all people, for all time'. The use, localization, or designation of ICAS scales by particular organizations including religious organizations is a matter to be determined by particular organizations.

AAT has developed, administered, and used ICAS to the best of its knowledge subject to rights and authority to pursue this emerging initiative. Yet AAT's commitment to ICAS is rooted in aatideas programming objectives, a commitment that can serve any eventual system of time measurement.

challenges

AAT continues to operate on mostly an ad-hoc basis. A board of directors has yet to be recruited. Practically every area of operation operates as if it were ad hoc. A volunteer staff of one director or officer who is also actively involved in the various areas of organizational operation means that there is no dedicated process of review for the organization. To the best of the organizing sponsor's knowledge, this status of operation has no substantial effect on the integrity of the organization as a public benefit charity.

AAT strives to operate subject to independent review. An impartial review of AAT sponsorship, operations, or mission has not been conducted. But that does not mean that AAT personnel do not approach organizational responsibilities impartially. That certainly does not mean that there is a problem with AAT sponsorship, operations, or mission. An appropriate message might be that areas of AAT operation would or should call for more sponsorship, and that the lack of additional sponsorship might itself be a problem. AAT shall in any case strive to cooperate with potential sponsors or other interested parties in efforts to affirm quality of operation and to produce quality programming.

get into the AAT business!

AAT would like to be more positive in describing progress made during the last program year, but it also seems necessary to mention a few other matters that affect the organization and aatideas programming. Internet quality is undermined by the abuse or fraudulent misuse of networked communications such as e mail and web documents. It is deceptive to categorize the legitimate operations of AAT into some meaningless category of 'spam' along with a list of frauds or other abuses. This is not to mean that AAT has been subject to Internet complaints, as AAT administers the aatideas.org web site and e distributions to high standards of program quality. Yet the occurrence of Internet frauds including the forgery of e mail addresses seems to pose a problem that is hard to ignore. It seems reasonable that unsolicited messages that require a visit to a suspicious web site for 'removal' from a distribution list expect too much of a recipient who does not wish to receive such messages. AAT certainly does not wish to impose unsolicited e mail on those who do not wish to receive information from AAT. AAT shall furthermore strive to respect the views of others; however issues relating to opinions about programming are not the same as issues relating to Internet fraud and abuse, and should not be misrepresented as such.

AAT addresses concerns about operational integrity and quality of operation via a comprehensive quality-management program. AAT is not established for any fraudulent nor subversive reason; nor does it operate for any such purpose. Nor does anyone actively involved in the operation of AAT engage in any such activities. AAT takes the program mission seriously and so does everyone involved in the operation of the organization.

AAT is moreover not a personal entity nor a 'doing business as' of organizing sponsor Ronald Stone, nor does AAT operate as such. No AAT account, program, business, resource, or property is used inconsistent with the organizational policies and operations of the AAT Charter in accordance with section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, with the California Nonprofit Public Benefit Corporation Law, and with the Minnesota Nonprofit Corporations Act.

Nor is AAT operated for any personal rather than organizational reason. Anyone who states or implies otherwise does not know AAT policies and operations. AAT can rightly affirm that such statements have no basis in compliance with the nonprofit statutes or with other laws. Were any such statements to have any bearing on AAT compliance with the nonprofit statutes or with other laws, AAT would certainly strive to cooperate for purposes of accountable review.

It may be that to this point that AAT is operated by one officer. Yet any conduct that misrepresents or otherwise interferes with AAT operation or management such as spreading misinformation or forging e-mails is strongly discouraged.

Those in an informed community should promote the accountable use of postal and telecommunications networks and resources. The use of these networks and resources—especially the Internet—seems to be too frequently manipulated and often apparently without adequate regulation. As official policy for AAT programs and operations, AAT supports efforts to promote the accountable use and regulation of postal and telecommunications networks and resources for use by communities, organizations, and individuals.

AAT mission

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AAT metrication policy

Within the scope of its mission as an educational organization, Alliance for the Advancement of Technology (AAT) shall pursue development of applicable standards for the measurement of dates and times. Toward this AAT shall strive to actively and proactively use appropriate quality and usability methodologies to support the canonical development and normative use of systems of measure based on principles of user-centered design.

AAT shall strive to promote the development and administration of ICAS (Integrated Chronological Applications System) standards within the scope of canonical administrative objectives. As ICAS standards are developing while pre-existing standards for traditional scales of time and date are in widespread use; ICAS development and administration shall strive to structure ICAS programs to serve concerns related to ICAS licensees, ICAS users, and other interested parties.

AAT shall also strive to actively and proactively support the normative use of SI (Le Système Internationale d'Unités) and ICAS (Integrated Chronological Applications System) systems of measure as preferred systems of measure for areas of operation and programming. AAT shall strive to support the normative use of ICAS measures for dates and times, and shall strive to support the normative use of SI measures for other practical areas of measure. AAT shall strive to promote the normative use of preferred systems of measure by approaching matters of metrication in terms of matters of use.

AAT shall strive to develop best practices for ICAS and SI metrication. AAT operations and programming should reflect a demand-based model of SI and ICAS metrication, and should support voluntary use of SI and ICAS systems of measure. AAT shall thus carefully strive to promote the development of ICAS programs to facilitate the proactive use of ICAS by licensees, and shall avoid the pursuit of AAT actions or operations by which the use of ICAS by other parties is considered reactive. ICAS licensing should accommodate the use of ICAS scales with regard to any licensee metrication policy as long as licensee policy does not contradict the canonical standards of ICAS for measures of dates and times, nor contradict the canonical standards of SI for other practical areas of measure.

AAT shall strive to promote the applicable use of ICAS and SI standards and formats for new applications and methods, and shall strive to promote the development of features of usable design. AAT shall strive to impartially evaluate the use of pre-existing applications and methods for traditional systems of measure, and shall strive to affirm a practicable approach of 'conversion-on-demand' as an alternative to the view that a decision to use an ICAS scale would require a full-scale conversion of all time and date records and data.

AAT shall further strive to promote the ready use and conversion to and among multiple scales and formats as a practicable best practice. AAT shall strive to promote the normative use of ICAS measures for dates and times, and the normative use of SI measures for other areas of practical measure, as practicable best practices for the design of default or user-selectable settings for new and emerging methods and applications.

As for the objectives for which AAT is established: aatideas programs are developing a paradigm of proactivity that may hold promise for the promotion of applicable philosophies of technology. While there is a place in the paradigm for the affirmation of individual initiative, the notion of alliance may call for particular consideration. An alliance for the advancement of technology offers an exceptional opportunity to enhance community development in terms of educational and economic initiatives. Much work still remains ahead. Infrastructures for each of the featured special topics are certain to be transformed considerably. These developments call for proactive preparation for the applicable development and use of technologies.

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