# BI Community of Practice

## Minutes for 11/04/2015

Location

Video Conference

### In attendance

* Jay Eckles (co-chair)
* Dennis Hengstler (co-chair)
* Mozhgan Shahidi (scribe)
* Ed Johnson (Tools subcommittee chair)
* Denise Haley (Training & Support subcommittee chair)
* Allen Dupont (Policy, Standards, and Definitions subcommittee chair)
* Ron Loewen (Resources subcommittee chair)
* Janice Hodge
* Desiree McCullough
* Jeanne Hermann
* Steven Robertson
* Mark Savage
* Scott Gordy
* Kriss Gabourel
* Shawn Bryan
* John Toman
* Mike Ebbs
* Kristen Noblit
* Denise Gardner
* Tom Hoover
* Les Mathews

### Absent

* Lisa Ford
* Cyndie Nichols

### Agenda

1. Discussion of BI vendors
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   2. Discussion of logistics for vendor demonstrations
2. Updates from EDUCAUSE
3. Brief update on data governance process development
4. Review of plan & Discussion of next steps

### Minutes

Jay Eckles called the meeting to order at approximately 10:03 AM.

#### Discussion of BI vendors

Dennis Hengstler, Ed Johnson, and Dr. Eckles all provided analyses of CoP member responses to the evaluation survey distributed by Mr. Johnson. All three analyses provided similar results. Based on these analyses and subsequent discussion, the group identified seven vendors from which to seek demonstrations. 17 members of the CoP had provided formal evaluations of RFIs.

The group discussed multiple options for conducting the demonstrations. In all cases, demonstrations will be made available on Zoom. Three main options are one day in Nashville to see demonstrations, two days in Nashville to see demonstrations, and viewing demonstrations remotely then spending one day in Nashville to discuss. Drs. Eckles and Hengstler will seek input from the community members in planning the logistics. Allen DuPont pointed out that the SACS annual meeting was the week of December 8.

#### Updates from EDUCAUSE

Dr. Eckles met with every BI vendor presenting at EDUCAUSE. Microsoft and Oracle, who had not responded to the RFI, were eager to provide information on BI platforms. Amazon announced a new BI tool on its AWS platform. IBM announced Watson Analytics, and Dell promoted the combination of Boomi and Statistica.

#### Brief update on data governance process development

Drs. Eckles and Hengstler have been actively working on the Data Governance process but are not prepared to report on progress.

#### Review of plan & Discussion of next step

CoP is currently 6-8 weeks behind the planned schedule. Recommendations to SITC will at this point likely be delivered sometime in January 2016.

Vendor demonstrations are up next in the plan, followed by the finalization of the Strategy and Data Governance documents. After completion of these areas, we had hoped to put together an implementation plan for the strategy, but that work may be trimmed to recover lost time.

Dr. Eckles adjourned the meeting at 10:55 AM.