

Dear members of the IRP IOT,

On our call today we have an agenda item “5. Working methods – list and meetings”.

We seem to be facing some of the same pressures that a number of the Work Stream 2 subgroups face – lots of work and overloaded participants – a factor in volunteer fatigue.

Let’s discuss overhauling our working methodology – reversing the apparent CCWG norm of meetings sitting at the top of the work pyramid, supported by comments on list.

My suggestion, greatly aided by discussions with Bernie, would be to make the list the primary working tool – and meetings taking a supplemental role.

We need to get through the public comments. Why don’t we do that, comment-by-comment, in discrete email threads with as many discrete entries in any particular comment thread as it takes. (My email on joinder, forwarded below, might serve as an example.)

Meetings will only be used for brief admin purposes and for focused discussion on comments as prepared on list – in other words meetings will not be for new original input into a comment. We won’t decide an issue in just one meeting and so if someone wishes to contribute a new thought they can put it on list (right away) for the next meeting.

Meetings will be for review and confirmation – and if they end in less than an hour that would be fine.

Maybe staff can assemble list input for agenda items a day before each call for ease of reference.

On second-readings no new input would be considered and we will try to achieve consensus.

We may be able to move to meeting every other week rather than every week.

What I am hoping to achieve is an efficient system under which we can quickly and fairly review comments and make decisions.

Again – thank you all for participating and please also consider picking a comment-topic to lead.

Best wishes,
David