

BIC LIBRARY WEB SERVICES TASK & FINISH WORKING GROUP (T&FWG) MEETING – Minutes**Location:** GoToMeeting / Conference Call**Date and time:** Thursday 24th January 2019, 10am**Minutes written by:** Alaina-Marie Bassett**Present**

Alaina-Marie Bassett, BIC
 Marcus Blackburn, Civica
 Francis Cave, Consultant
 Catherine Cooke, Westminster Library
 John Garrould, Bertram's (Chair)
 Richard Hurrell, Bertram's
 Graham Jones, Askews & Holts
 Gwyneth Morgan, Nielsen
 Heather Sherman, Dawson Books
 Phillip Sykes, Bibliotheca
 Karina Urquhart, BIC
 Anthony Whitford, Capita

Apologies

Graham Barke, BDS
 Colin Carter, Innovative
 Paul Clements, British Library
 Matthew Dovey, Ceridwen
 Simon Edwards, Consultant (Deputy)
 Ian Manson, Infor
 Alan Oliver, Ex Libris
 Joe Schulkins, University of Liverpool
 William Scott, Bertram's
 David Thomas, SirsiDynix

1. Welcome and apologies

JG welcomed the Group to the meeting and the apologies were delivered. It was noted that Sneha Pattanshetti of Capita has now resigned from this Group however AW of Capita was welcomed to the Group as a new member.

2. Competition Law – Conduct Reminder

The Group was reminded about BIC's Competition Law Policy – find out more about this policy by visiting the BIC website, here: <http://www.bic.org.uk/149/BIC-Competition-Law-Policy/>

PS joined the call.

3. Review of minutes and follow-up on actions from the previous meeting

The minutes from the previous meeting were approved; the actions were discussed as follows:

- Update on the Retrieve Quotation List and Retrieve Quotes APIs
 FC confirmed that he is in the process of converting all BIC Library APIs to HTML using Pandoc; 2 documents have been completed to date, 1 of which has been uploaded onto GitHub, here: <https://github.com/bic-org-uk/bic-library-web-services>
 - **ACTION:** RH to review the API specifications, which were converted using Pandoc, in February 2019 to ensure that they are correct and make sense, technically.
 - **ACTION:** Once feedback / approval from RH has been received, FC to convert all other APIs using Pandoc and upload them onto GitHub.
 - **ACTION:** AMB to follow up with RH, FC and JG in the week commencing Monday 11th February 2019 to obtain an update on their progress.

AW joined the call.

- BIC Library Web Services 2018 Implementation Guide
FC confirmed that IM provided a paragraph for page 5 of this Guide which outlines the benefits of APIs to LMS vendors and/or libraries; this wording was reviewed at the most recent BIC Library Web Services Sub-Group meeting on Tuesday 18th December 2018.
 - **ACTION CARRIED OVER:** Once the text of the Guide has been finalised, AMB to ensure that the links included are correct; in particular the link at the end of the Guide (on p.14) requires updating. AMB to format the Guide in-line with BIC's branding.
 - **ACTION CARRIED OVER:** AMB to set up a Register of Interest mailing list for this User Guide in due course, so interested parties can register in order to obtain a copy.
- Governance of the BIC Library Web Services / APIs
 - **ONGOING ACTION:** KU and JG to liaise offline regarding the governance of BIC Library APIs; a date for a call to discuss this matter should be agreed ASAP.

4. Final update on sign-up to the BIC Library API Policy

KU reported that 1 further organisation has signed up to the BIC Library API Policy: Bibliotheca.

- **ONGOING ACTION:** KU to follow-up on her correspondence with organisations regarding their endorsement of the BIC Library API Policy.
- **ONGOING ACTION:** KU to continue liaising with attendees of the BIC EDI for Libraries training course to ascertain whether their organisation would be willing to endorse the BIC Library API Policy.
- **ACTION:** KU to send a copy of the BIC Library API Policy document to Capita, ASAP.
- **ACTION:** If possible, AW to provide an endorsement for the BIC Library API Policy on behalf of Capita, ASAP.
- **ACTION:** AMB to publish the latest version of the BIC Library API Policy document on the BIC website, as well as a list of the endorsing organisations to date (and their statements of endorsements, if applicable).
- **ACTION:** AMB to tweet about the publication of the BIC Library API Policy document and its endorsements in due course.

5. Feedback on the Request Order Cancellation API (v2.0) from the BIC Realtime Review Group

Following the recent *BIC Realtime* Review Group meeting on Thursday 10th January 2019, FC reported that – unless a clear business case is identified and there is also evidence of good industry implementation of the *BIC Realtime* standard – the standard's development will not be considered again until 2020. He noted that the following suggested revisions for the *BIC Realtime* standard will be considered at the next review in January 2020:

- Changes to the way that prices can be expressed, to align more closely with the forms of expression of pricing information used in ONIX records, to support a wider range of trading models for both physical and digital books.
- Explicit support for the use of HTTPS, the secure web communication protocol, instead of HTTP.
- Withdrawal of support for the inclusion of client IDs and passwords in API request payloads, replaced instead with a recommendation to use standard web authentication methods.

- Explicit support for encoding request and response payloads in JSON, as an alternative to XML.
- Possible deprecation or withdrawal of support for the option to use the HTTP GET method for submitting API requests.

FC reported that this Group's update (v2.0) to the *BIC Realtime* Request Order Cancellation API will be adopted by the *BIC Realtime* standard. A single BIC Price & Availability API for use by both the *BIC Realtime* (trade) and BIC Library standards will be produced in due course also.

- ONIX Code List 65

- ❖ **DECISION:** This Group should decide whether to continue using a subset of ONIX List 65 for *BIC Realtime* and BIC Library APIs, or whether the full ONIX List should be used instead, following the completion of the BIC Library API pilot.

6. Final sign off on the BIC Library Web Services 2018/19 Implementation Guide

FC confirmed that the latest version of Implementation Guide was circulated to this Group on Tuesday 22nd January 2019. The document has since been amended once more according to the feedback received from DT. FC provided an overview of recent changes made to the Guide.

- ❖ **DECISION:** The Group signed off on the BIC Library Web Services Implementation Guide.
- **ACTION:** AMB to circulate the latest version of the Implementation Guide, ASAP.
Post-Meeting Update: This action was carried out on Thursday 31st January 2019.
- **ACTION:** JG to liaise with DT regarding the Implementation Guide and the changes made to the document according to his feedback (to ensure they're fit for purpose).
- **ACTION:** DT to confirm ASAP whether he is happy with the wording of the latest version of the BIC Library Web Services Implementation Guide.
- **ACTION:** Once confirmation from DT has been received, AMB to brand the BIC Library Web Services Implementation Guide document.
- **ACTION:** AMB to promote the Implementation Guide following its publication.

7. Discussion regarding which organisations will pilot the implementation of BIC Library APIs and when

- **ACTION:** MB and GJ to liaise offline regarding their prospective collaboration on implementing one or more BIC Library APIs.
- **ACTION:** JG to liaise with LMS vendors regarding their prospective implementation of one or more BIC Library APIs / getting it on their agenda for future developments.
- **ACTION:** AW to liaise with Capita's customers (libraries) to discuss their prospective implementation of one or more BIC Library APIs.
- **ACTION:** ALL to report back on any progress made, in relation to implementations / developments ASAP, with a view to this information being publicised by BIC in future.
- ❖ **DECISION:** This pilot should be reviewed in July 2019; the meeting / call will be dependent on their being sufficient evidence of good industry implementation of the BIC Library APIs.
- **ACTION:** AMB to schedule a call in July 2019 via Doodle Poll for adopters to report back on their implementations / future plans to implement BIC Library APIs.

- **ACTION:** ALL to respond to the Doodle Poll for July 2019's BIC Library Web Services Adopters / Review Group meeting, ASAP.

8. Draft press release regarding BIC Library Web Services Implementation Guide and pilot APIs

It was agreed previously that this press release should provide information on the following: the availability of the Implementation Guide and pilot APIs, how to register to receive the Guide, where to find the APIs, how to provide feedback on either, and the governance process.

- **ACTION:** KU to ensure that this press release is sent out in February / March 2019.
- **ACTION:** KU to ensure that the Gold / Silver Policy is referred to in the press release, as well as a list of the endorsing organisations (by name).
- **ACTION:** ALL to provide a statement of endorsement ASAP if you would like your organisation to be listed in the press release.

9. Update on NISO FASTEN Group and the opportunities for partnership

Following the previous meeting of this Group, BIC liaised with NISO regarding lines of communication between itself and the NISO FASTEN Group. FC noted that the NISO FASTEN Group is considering including the BIC Library Communication Framework (LCF) in its list of recommendations. JG suggested that the NISO Group's endorsement of the BIC Library APIs would also be beneficial and should be encouraged.

- **ACTION:** KU to liaise with NISO, asking her contacts to circulate information about the BIC Library APIs to the NISO FASTEN Group with a view to their endorsing the APIs / considering them for inclusion in their list of recommendations.

10. A.O.B.

The Group did not have anything further to report.

11. BIC T&FWG Closure

- ❖ **DECISION:** This Group has now been disbanded.
- ❖ **DECISION:** If possible, the annual review of the BIC Library Web Services – which will take place in January 2020 – should align with the next meeting of the *BIC Realtime* Review Group.
- **ACTION:** AMB to schedule the BIC Library Web Services Review Group meeting, ASAP.
- **ACTION:** ALL to respond to the Doodle Poll for the BIC Library Web Services Review Group meeting ASAP.