

GETTING DOWN TO BUSINESS UTILIZING DATA STANDARDS

Research & Development Workgroup Shaping the standard



SPEAKER

BIO PAGE

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I began my Real Estate technology career in 1986 at the Santa Barbara Board of REALTORS and Multiple Listing Service to install and manage an in-house MLS system. After 6-years I moved on to East Bay Regional Data (EBRD) for 7-years to manage operations and technology for a 10,000 member, 6-MLS regional. I then spent 2-years with HomeSeekers.com developing and deploying one of the first Internet-based MLS systems.

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I have been at RMLS for over 15 years. As Vice President of Technical Systems, I provide leadership and general oversight of RMLS' technological goals and activities. I facilitates the technical requirements for data processing, hardware services, network communications, and management information services to accomplish the company's goals and objectives.

My exciting and fulfilling personal life ironically takes place in Boring, Oregon with my wife of 25-years.





R&D Workgroup

The RESO Research and Development workgroup (a.k.a. the R&D workgroup) is a collaborative collective of Real Estate technologists, Association and MLS staff and Brokers who review suggestions from the Real Estate industry at large and vet them for inclusion in the standard. The group helps prioritize these suggestions and is the top of the funnel for substantial new efforts at RESO. We have a Go-To-Meeting web and phone meeting every month to discuss issues being worked on. But even if you can't make every monthly call, call agendas and minutes are maintained online, and we often solicit input on the current issues in the online discussion group, so you can participate whenever you have time. A desire to improve the standard and an hour or two a month is all that is required to be a R&D workgroup member, we strive to maintain a diverse group of professionals to contribute to the online discussions to ensure we focus on issues and pain points as well as improvements and efficiencies to the RETS standard and RESO.



R&D isn't trying to tame the beast (standard), we're charged with gathering issues and enhancement requests. We then work through defining a business case for those that the group agrees are appropriate for the standard and normally pass them forward to a workgroup for implementation. We've also taken up defining best practices where the issue is implementation of the standards.

I prepare slides and try to make the meeting very interactive. I often "preach" that diversity is the thing that makes the best standards and participation is easy; I ask participants monitor the Confluence chatter and comment freely. I let them know I'm happy to take comments forward to the workgroup calls if they can't attend. I'm also fortunate to often have an issue with a presenter to engage the group along with some vested participants from MLSs, Vendors and a few Brokers.



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MLS Datafeed Reporting Requirements Standardization Request

To maintain compliance with most MLS data access agreements, Brokers and Vendors are required to provide reports of their authorized users to the MLS. Currently, there is no uniformity to the timing, format or required data of that reporting. Consequently, Brokerages and Vendors provide essentially the same information in differing layouts and timing to the MLSs where they provide service. We believe that it should be possible to create a standard format that meets the reporting needs of most MLS. Standardizing the reporting will ensure Brokerages and Vendors provide essential information to the MLSs while easing their burden of creating custom reports for each MLS.



- Transactional Data Standardization
 - Define the fields needed to complete contracts and forms for a listing or selling transaction.
- Business Case review
 - http://members.reso.org/display/RD/Business+Cases
- Open discussion
 - What can the standard do better or is lacking



R&D Workgroup

Regularly scheduled meeting:

1st Thursday of the month 1 - 2pm Eastern time

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