Agenda

1. Attendance

2. Minutes of last meeting

3. Review of Forth200x basis document
   a) ed09b
   b) x:2value proposal
   c) x:fatan2 proposal
   d) x:fasinh proposal
   e) x:ftrunc proposal
   f) x:value proposal
   g) x:key-ekey proposal
   h) x:name len proposal

4. Progress Reports:
   a) Text Substitution
   b) Integration of RFIs

5. Consideration of proposals (CFVs)
   a) Extended Characters (xchar)
   b) Synonym
   c) EKey Event Record
   d) RfC (Wording changes)
   e) Escaped Strings
   f) N>R and NR> (n-to-r)
   g) Legacy Words
   h) Structures wording

6. Consideration of draft proposals (RfDs)
   a) :NAME
   b) Internationalisation (i18n)
   c) Wordset Queries
   d) IEEE FP (ieee-fp)
   e) FNEGATE specification for signed zero (fnegate-zero)
   f) BUFFER: (buffer)
   g) File Names and Directories
h) Directories (directories)
   i) Enhanced local variable syntax (locals)
   j) Memory-Access (memory)
   k) SIZE
   l) HEADER
   m) <BUILDS

7. Matters arising

8. Date of Next Meeting

9. Any Other Business
1 Participants

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Andrew Haley Red Hat, Cambridge, England
Ulrich Hoffmann FH Wedel, Germany
Peter Knaggs University of Exeter, England
Bernd Paysan Germany
Stephen Pelc MPE, England
Bill Stoddart Teesside University, England
Leon Wagner FORTH, Inc., USA
Gerald Wodni Technische Universität Wien, Austria

In accordance with the membership rule:

• Andrew Haley and Leon Wagner become full members of the committee.
• Gerald Wodni was allowed to vote at the discretion of the committee.
• Carsten Strotmann, Willi Stricker and Federico de Ceballos will lose their voting rights if they do not attend the next voting meeting.

2 Minutes of last meeting

The draft minutes of the last meeting were accepted (10/0/0) as a true and accurate representation of the meeting.

3 Review of Forth2009.2 basis document

i) Added Vienna and Rheine meetings to the “Foreword”

ii) Correction of “an standard” to “a standard” in the “Process”.

iii) Change of contact details for Peter Knaggs and the addition of contact details for Andrew Haley, Ulrich Hoffmann, Bernd Paysan, Willi Stricker, and Leon Wagner. “Forth, Inc.” changed to “FORTH, Inc.”

iv) “schools of though” change to “schools of thought” in the rational of BEGIN-STRUCTURE.

v) “associated” changed to “assigned” in the ambiguous conditions for the X:deferred extension and the definitions of ACTION-OF, DEFER, DEFER@, VALUE and (LOCAL).

vi) Added X:fp-stack proposal: Added the combined float/data stack to 1.4.2 “Obsolescent features”.

Making the separate floating point stack the default, with a combined stack being an environmental dependency. (12.2.2 Notation, 12.3.3 Floating-point stack, 12.2 Environmental Query
Strings, 12.4.1.4 Environmental restrictions, 12.4.2.1 Environmental dependencies, and 12.6.1.1497 FDEPTH)

vii) Moving of the obsolete words from the CORE EXT and TOOLS EXT wordsets into their own Legacy wordset was rejected, in favour of a new section to Annex D “Compatibility analysis of ANS Forth”. A new RfD must be drafted reflecting this change. (10/0/0) **Action:** PK

viii) Introduction to the new Annex F “Reference Implementations”.

ix) Revised Annex G “Test Suite”. New tests need testing in light of the revised test harness. **Action:** All

x) Annex F (Reference Implementations) and G (Test Suite) should not be included in the Snapshot document, but provided as separate documentation on the web site. (10/0/0) **Action:** PK

### 4 Consideration of proposals

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### 5 Discussion of fast track proposals

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Parts 6–9 should be a separate proposal (event record).

### 6 Discussion of draft proposals

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7 Matters Arising

i) Structures: The stack description for FIELD:, CFIELD:, FFIELD:, SFFIELD: and DFFIELD: are incorrect. A fast track RfD should be developed to correct these definitions.  
   Action: PK

ii) Identification: The new SnapShot document should have an environmental query to identify a system conforming to the new document. An RfD should be drawn up.  
   Action: AE

iii) Submission: The procedure necessary to submit the SnapShot document for consideration to ISO and/or ANSI was discussed. It was generally agreed that it need not necessarily be an ISO standard, and that ISO would almost certainly pass the document back to ANSI for review. ANSI procedures require at least four U.S. citizens to be on the committee to review an ISO standard. It was agreed that we should approach both ISO and ANSI for further information.  
   Action: LW/PK

8 Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting to be held toward the end of April to review CiVs for inclusion in the SnapShot document. This meeting may be held in conjunction with the Forth-Tagung in Rostock, Germany, or possibly electronically.  
   Action: UH

The next euroForth conference is due to be held in Germany. This meeting should be to confirm acceptance of the SnapShot document. The dates and location of the euroForth conference are yet to be decided.  
   Action: UH