



Voyager Business Meeting

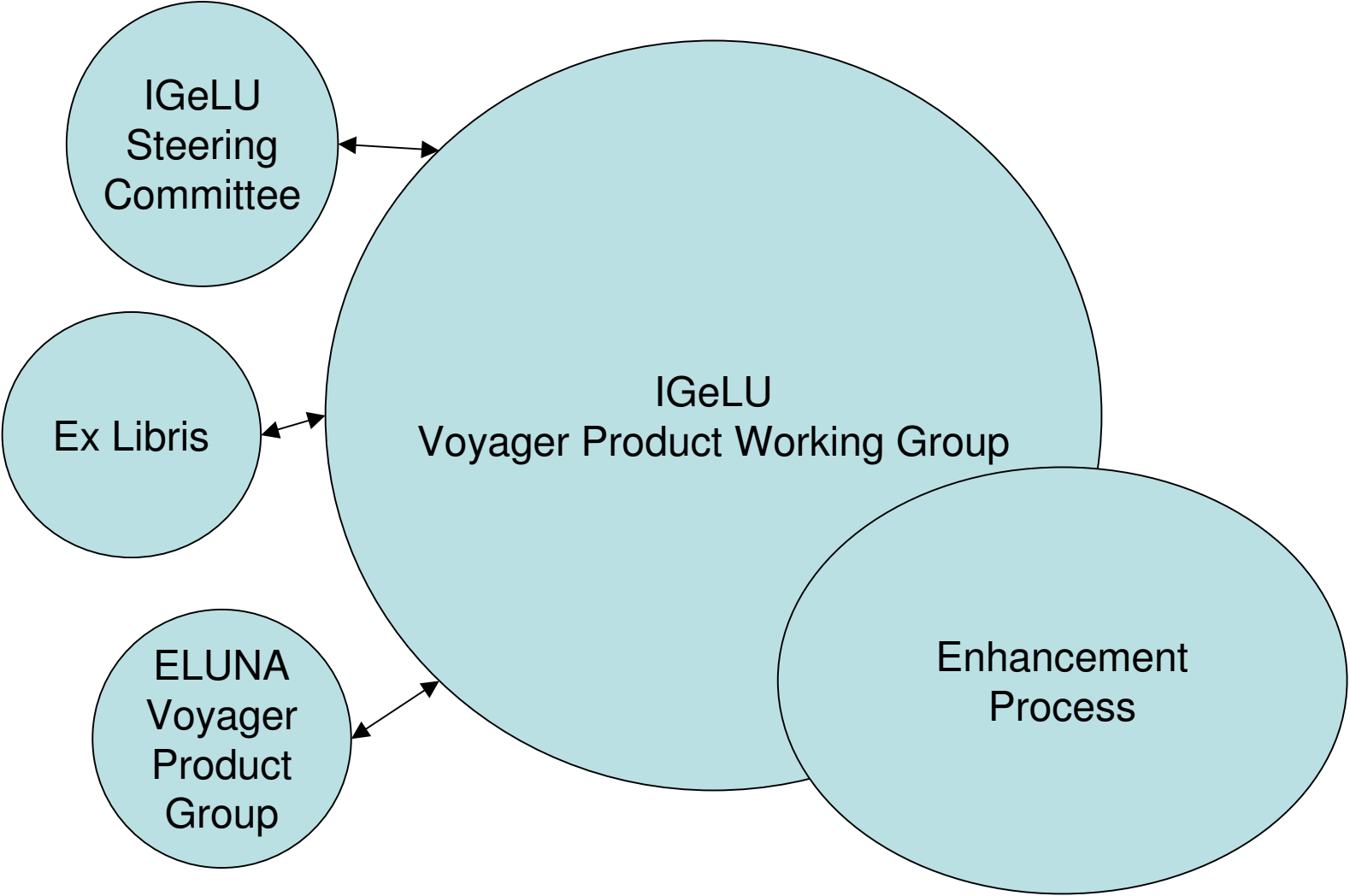
Voyager Product Working Group
Report 2008

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Lesley Gray and Simon Huggard interim VPWG until November 2008

New members appointed November 2008

- Michael Fake, London School of Economics
- Habib Tabatabai, University of Central Oklahoma
- Annu Jauhiainen, National Library of Finland
- Peter Price, University of Plymouth
- Robyn Benjamin, University of Western Sydney
- Adrienne Ridley-Houlker, Victoria University Library
- Esa Kurki, National Library of Finland
- Gill Hamilton, National Library of Scotland.



Interim enhancement process

Interim VPWG coordinated Voyager 8 enhancement process.

Five key areas selected, based on review of current enhancements and feedback from customers.

Topics were posted on discussion blogs, and the feedback on these blogs highlighted topics appropriate for release during Voyager 8 development cycle.

Collaborative testing

Four people took part in collaborative testing of Voyager 7, two from IGeLU, two from ELUNA.

Testers went to Chicago and tested V7 with the developers.

IGeLU and ELUNA working groups collated the feedback and made a report to the steering committees.

Global Data Change

Ex Libris asked for decision on whether to devote main Voyager 8 release to Global Data Change.

With ELUNA we carried out a poll to ask user group for feedback.

Overwhelming support for GDC, and now with help of working groups, Ex Libris have convened a new Global Data Change Advisory Group to identify GDC priorities for implementation.

Links with ELUNA

We have worked hard to forge closer links with the ELUNA Voyager Product Group.

Regular conference call between group coordinators, as well as Steering Committee and Ex Libris.

Group coordinators share correspondence, and VPWG members have participated in the ELUNA monthly conference calls. VPWG represented at the ELUNA meeting.

Enhancement process

Peter Price is the new enhancements coordinator, but all members of the VPWG will be involved in the enhancements process for Voyager 9.

We may need to gather enhancement requests separately to Ex Libris. Need to agree a mechanism and workflow for processing these. Ideally this should match process for other product working groups (Metalib, Verde, SFX, Digitool).

We need to agree a process within the next six months, in time for the V9 development cycle.