

Vireo Users Group 2010 Annual Meeting

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Aims of Vireo Users Group Meeting

- Introduce the purpose, structure and activities of the Vireo Users Group
- Consider the history, present and future of Vireo
- Share Vireo User Profiles
- Gain feedback on desired features and understand how user needs will be prioritized, translated and used by TDL to guide future development

Overview

- *What is a Users Group*
- *Purpose and Structure of the VUG*
- *Activities of the VUG*

What is a Users Group?

“... a type of club focused on the use of a particular technology, usually (but not always) computer-related.”

—Wikipedia (5/13/2010)

Mission

The Vireo Users Group (VUG) is designed to gather and prioritize constituent needs to guide TDL on the future development of the Vireo ETD Submission and Management System. Further, the VUG provides avenues for the exchange of information about Vireo development, needs and utilization.

Goals and Activities

- Prioritized lists of user stories are given to the TDL development team.
- A vote on how product enhancements should be prioritized is conducted once a year. The Steering Committee selects the enhancements to be included in the vote.
- Meetings are held at the annual user conference. These meetings give members a forum to express opinions and discuss issues, in person, with other members.
- The list of enhancements and other documentation are organized and made available on the VUG website.

Benefits

- Find out how other people are using Vireo
- Discover ways people have solved challenges you are facing
- Have an opportunity to express your needs for Vireo enhancements and see how those align with the needs of other institutions

Organization

- Product Owner
- Steering Committee
- User Group Members

Product Owner

- *Liaison between VUG and TDL development team*
- *Receives user stories, negotiates with TDL, accepts/rejects development products*
- *Assigned by TDL governing board*

Steering Committee

- *Organizes all VUG activities, including annual meeting*
- *Solicits, documents and organizes feature requests from users*
- *Conducts product enhancement prioritization vote*
- *Converts requests into user stories and submits to product owner*

Users Group

- *Furnishes steering committee with enhancement requests*
- *Participates in meetings*
- *Participates in enhancement prioritization vote – limited to institutions where Vireo is actively installed*

Questions?