

ServicePlace Newsletter, October 2nd, 2017

A warm Hello to our extended ServicePlace mentor family. There has been a lot of activity since our last Newsletter, and it is my pleasure to recap for you our progress and upcoming activity. Since the last Newsletter, I'd like to welcome a few more people to the ServicePlace Mentor Network. Tery Spataro will be organizing the requirements collection and usage research for the Elder care project. Madhav Rangaswamy (ex of Intel) has joined this project as a mentor as well. In addition, Mahasweta Nayak has joined this project, and plans to make it part of her Senior Project at Basis Scottsdale. A big Welcome to Tery, Madhav and Maha!

ServicePlace Organization:

There were a couple of errors in the original AZ state incorporation that have been corrected. The EIN number has been assigned. The organization is still in skeleton form, and details (constitution, bylaws etc.) will be codified in the next stage – as we work with the CPA for Federal 501c(3) certification. Our initial filings can be seen at <http://ecorp.azcc.gov/Details/Corp?corpId=%2022112132>

I will plan to circulate the drafts of these documents to the board members (for your inputs) as they are developed. Before we file the documents with the state and federal agencies, we will have one (or more) board meetings, and the minutes will become part of the permanent record for our new organization. The estimate I have been given for the 501c(3) process is about 5 months.

Health/Medical Initiative:

Dr. Tapas Mondal has had several opportunities to showcase our CPR capabilities at various institutions in India. He has an upcoming opportunity in Canada as well in the next few weeks. Perhaps the most interesting of these opportunities is the follow-up interest in places like IIT Mumbai and (especially) IIT Kharagpur. Collaboration projects might include CPR devices and accessories (e.g. smart mannequins) as well as a web-based service that keeps track of CPR deployment, training and re-training needs.

Tapas is planning another trip to India in December. He will likely stop by Bangalore, and possibly Udaipur and Mumbai. If you have high level contacts at corporate and educational institutions in these cities, please let Tapas know. Sarbari and I also have an upcoming visit to India planned (January-March) and will be available to follow-up as needed.

Elder-Care Initiative:

The ASU capstone project is now well under way. Last Wednesday we had 10 people trained in the Ladder Method, on how to do requirements gathering in a 1:1 basis with elders. The students have picked the areas they will be working on, and Maha will concentrate on the elder requirements collection interface side (working with Tery Spataro).

We are in the process of recruiting several senior care organizations so that we can approach their seniors and begin the requirements collection process. The initial survey instrument has been drawn up, and is being streamlined based on the feedback from last week's meeting.

We will be building a video demo using the use-cases that our ASU team comes up with, for use in the second phase of the requirements gathering (product refinements). The project goal for the ASU team will be to have a prototype created and available for testing by the end of the year. In addition to Tery, Alan and Madhav are actively engaged in this project as Mentors.

We are in initial collaboration discussions with Celtic Systems for taking the Elder-care system prototypes and converting them into deployable, scalable, supportable products. The development support is expected to come from the India team, and one Echo Show unit has been set up there for initial evaluation. Once the collaboration agreement has been worked out, we will be presenting it to the board for review/approval.

Society for Cultural Preservation:

Earlier this month the documentary "Broto Alponas" earned two awards as the Kaleidoscope Film Festival in Boston, including Best Documentary. Sarbari was there to present the documentary and receive the awards. During our next trip to India Sarbari (and I) will be developing other Cultural Preservation projects, with a trip planned to the state of Tripura in the NorthEast of India. If you know of anybody who would be interested in supporting this next phase (especially in funding), do let us know.

Thanks for all your support, and hope you have a wonderful day.