File 20110623.1031: Notes from Engineering staff meeting: PMA interim self-assessments due today; supposedly next year the PMA assessment criteria will change to move away from the current relative ranking system that fixes a defined fraction of Basic Contributors, etc. They said they would change it this year, but they didn't; maybe it won't change next year either, but they said this time they would. In the recent employee survey ('LM Voice'), that was the number one complaint.

Update LMPeople biography today. Open it and save it, if necessary, to update the time stamp.

I emailed Jeff Dutoit for approval to make travel reservations for UCDMO conference. He is on holiday until 7th July, though.

RM 5.01 is TSABI approved but not SABI yet. K—— M—— is traveling to CDTAB next week to lobby for SABI approval. Version 5.02 development begins soon; it is expected to be complete for internal testing by autumn. The changes in 5.02 are to include replacement of COTS LDAP server with OpenLDAP, at a significant cost savings per installation. The GUI will move to an all-Java implementation; web browser will go away. The new OSP process is in full operation. OSP1 was in 5.01, with a new button to 'apply patch'. All the user needs do is insert a CD and click the button. OSP2 will be something new: the first time that only the OS is patched, not the RM application. OSPs will be released quarterly from now on, in sync with Oracle's quarterly patch releases for Solaris. Oracle gives little information about what is in their patch bundles. They will say 'it affects the kernel' and that is all. Nostalgia for the old Sun days, when OS users got full information about what patches did. The OSP process was initiated by the RM developer, not at the behest of the certifiers. The developer wanted to stay in compliance with IAVAs.

References