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(54) **SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR FACILITATING COLLABORATION IN CONNECTION WITH GENERATING DOCUMENTS AMONG A PLURALITY OF OPERATORS USING NETWORKED COMPUTER SYSTEMS**

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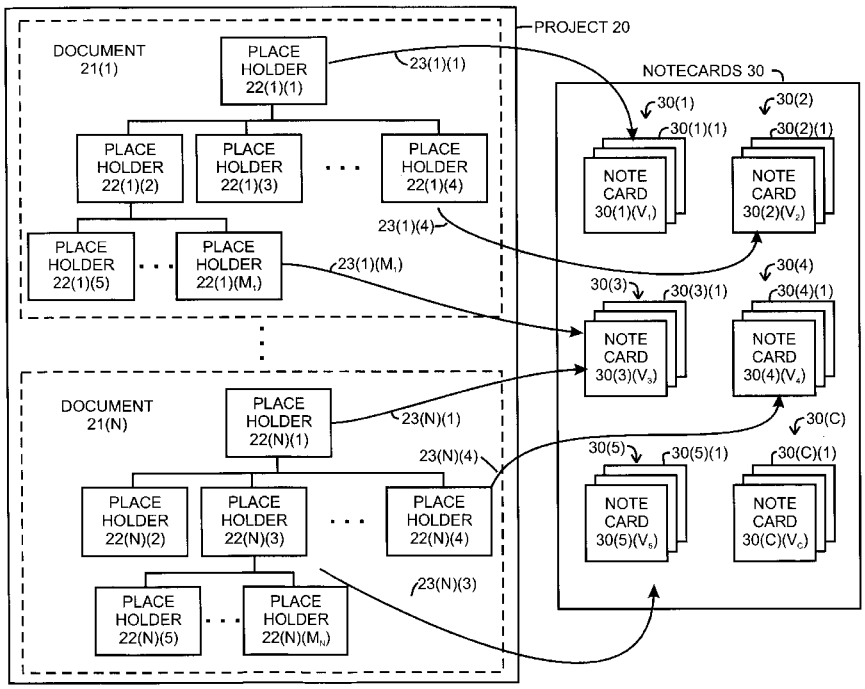
(57) **ABSTRACT**

A system for facilitating collaboration among a plurality of users in connection with generation of a document includes a document information store and one or more user modules. The document information store stores document information relating to documents being generated, the document information including both document structure information and document content information, the document structure information describing document structural elements for each one document and document content information comprising document content elements associated with respective document structural elements. Each user module includes a whiteboard display module, a document update module and an interface module. The whiteboard display module is configured to display a whiteboard to a user, the whiteboard selectively displaying document structure defined by the document structural elements for a document and document content information therefor. The document update module is configured to enable the user to selectively update the document structure and document content information therefor as displayed by the whiteboard display module. The interface module is configured to selectively enable the retrieval it of document information for a document and document content information as requested by said operator for display by the whiteboard display module and update of document information as stored in the document information store to be updated in response to updates received by said document update module.

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