Agenda

- **Brief Updates**
  - Review of last meeting's notes
- **2022 Convening Strategy (Glenn)**
  - Have been collecting community feedback at various points throughout the year to help guide our strategy for 2022
    - With the rollout of vaccinations, the community is eager to return to in-person gatherings
    - Community surveys, additional input received and both members' return-to-campus efforts and community in-person conferences support this notion
    - It has been two years since Internet2 has convened the community in-person
    - We do not recommend an immediate return to the large gatherings we experienced pre-pandemic
    - We want to plan an incremental return to in-person convening and ensure we gather with robust safety protocols to minimize risks
    - We recommend Internet2 convene the community for two mid-sized to larger events in 2022 that do not conflict with other major community events.
    - Proposed spring event (May 24 - 26)
      - Cap in-person registration at 250-350 people
      - 2-3 days maximum to allow for flexibility by attendees
      - Program new engagement opportunities while maintaining valued elements of prior events
      - Offer a virtual component for reduced price and to reach non-typical audiences or audiences who may not wish to travel for safety concerns or due to budget constraints
      - Program a leadership track
      - Offer multiple programming tracks
      - Target Audiences: Multiple Audiences including leadership, policy and decision makers, industry, global (TBD), and expand to new audiences such as HBCUs, TCUs, and other MSIs
    - Proposed Technology Exchange event (Dec 5 -8)

- Plan for full-size Technology Exchange (2018 - 596 attendees, 2019 - 663 attendees)
- Include a hybrid component for reduced price and more inclusivity
- Integrate CAMP/ACAMP into the programming and planning
- This was directly expressed by virtual participants in 2021
- Offer technical programming for existing and new audiences
- Program social networking/reception opportunities
- Target Audiences: Technical end-users across cloud, security, advanced networking, and academic IT staff

- Feedback from those who recently attended the EDUCAUSE annual conference
  - Regarding travel:
    - Our environment overall is not stable enough yet, and small airplane travel is uncomfortable. Risk flight cancellations by a number of airlines
    - Preparation is extensive (proof of vaccination or negative test result). Ever-changing rules, guidelines and logistics tough to adhere to
    - Flying is still uncomfortable, been looking for conferences that are within driving distance
    - A LOT more logistics to juggle in traveling now, and more variables, which means more things can go wrong
    - Airplanes are packed, at least most people follow masking guidelines, except when eating
    - Consider the host city and venue - will I feel comfortable there?
    - Concerns about the back-end of travel too, e.g. if someone travels for an event and they test positive before coming home, how do they get back? What if you have nowhere to stay and there are no car rentals available? Heard horror stories about people getting trapped while traveling
    - Sometimes COVID health insurance required when traveling internationally
  - Would you consider attending an in-person event in May, 2022?
    - Would have to consider the data on vaccination & booster rates, infection rates, etc. Infection numbers might go up after winter when flu season is rampant
      - In the last week, COVID numbers have been rising. Do you have an alternate date in mind? Also if it's too close to Memorial Day vacations, could lose attendance numbers

- - - Currently that's the only date we're thinking about
    - More realistic to anticipate comfort levels 3 months out instead of 6 months out, but realize event planners need more time than that
    - Venue is key for determining comfort levels too
    - It's too close to the edge right now to give a clear Yes or No answer
    - Could you do an event at 3 locations across the US simultaneously to make it closer to your major audiences? It's logistically challenging, but in a perfect world that'd be a great way to ease back into it
    - Suggestions around planning for an in-person event:
        - If you require proof of vaccination, think about the details of what you'd ask attendees for: would you be asking for proof of the 2 main doses? Include boosters? Ask for the most recent shot date? Start monitoring various factors to determine whether or not an in person event is possible/wise in May
        - Think about exit strategies for event attendees. If an attendee tests positive at the last minute, can they get their money back? Think about what you'll require (24 hour testing, 72 hour testing).
        - Encourage followup communications, like attendees informing event crew of a positive COVID test after they got home
        - Find an appealing and easily-accessible destination
    - I2 will gather input from the rest of the CE PAG as well
- **Nominations for future PAG members and Vice-Chair for 2022 (Mike)**
    - I2 has received a few nominations from this group (both for CE PAG Leadership roles and new members), will be reaching out to those individuals to see if there's any interest
    - Perhaps at December's meeting we can talk about the collection of candidates to ensure diversity
    - Working on language for call for participation to community, likely to go out right after Thanksgiving
    - Discussion
        - Consider "whose voice could be included to make our group more complete"?

- ■ Try to avoid stereotypical and narrow diversity metrics. Consider the differences between R1 and R2, Industry, Service Providers - perspective is an important type of diversity
  - ● Industry folks wouldn't be permanent members of the CE PAG, but Affiliates could be
- ■ A table of current PAG member metrics would be helpful so we can identify who/what is missing
  - ● Will create one to share with the group
- **Meeting cadence 2022: 4th Wednesday of the month at 2pm ET (Mike)**
  - ○ 4th Wednesday is ok for the group
  - ○ Rethink start and/or end time to be off the hour (by 10 or 15 mins)
    - ■ Since most meetings for everyone start or end on the hour, doesn't leave time for breaks during the day
      - ● Breaks in between meetings offer an opportunity to review notes from the prior meeting = better prepared
    - ■ Love that we get time back with these CE PAG meetings if the agenda is short
    - ■ Block the time on the hour, but know internally that we won't use the whole thing. If there are free openings on my calendar, someone will snatch it up
  - ○ We will likely have at least 2 people depart the CE PAG (Jack & Deb), need to be mindful of new peoples' calendars and availability
- **Next meeting Tuesday, December 14th at 2pm ET**