**NAOPpag Monthly Meeting Notes**

**3/11/2020, 2PM EDT**

Zoom: <https://internet2.zoom.us/j/393114449>

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**Attendees:**

James Deaton, Rod Wilson, Marc Wallman, Scott Valcourt, Celeste Anderson

**Unable to Attend**: Michele Norin, Dee Childs, Frank Seesink, Jim Stewart

**Staff:** Rob Vietzke, Kathleen Kay, Linda Roos, Paul Howell, George Loftus, Chris Wilkinson

**Notes**

1. Welcome (Marc Wallman, NAOPpag Co-Chair)

2. Discussion Items

-COVID19 (coronavirus) preparedness

Reflecting the unknowns facing everyone, Scott Valcourt summed it up by saying, “We’re discussing what to prepare, for what we haven’t decided to do.”

Celeste Anderson said that campuses are scrambling to enhance VPN connectivity. She pointed out that VPN’s are problematic on the research side, and there may be congestion for those attempting to work from home.

Rod Wilson said that Ciena is suggesting their employees work from home, if possible, while paying attention to supply chains to keep up with demands.

Celeste noted that what’s needed are reassurances from companies that responders for business continuity will stay well. She thinks this is a good stress test of the system. USC has had pandemic plans for 15 years- and tests annually. They are starting today with online classes- and will start collecting data that will be helpful to schools who haven’t yet made that decision. They are providing courses for those unsure of how to work from home.

Rob spoke of Internet2’s preparations to date. The decision was made to cancel Global Summit and it’s yet to be decided whether it will be postponed to a later date or held virtually. Each Internet2 division submitted a brief plan to Howard addressing issues including staff work from home based on local conditions, abilities to support members, and key supplier contacts. Network Services is looking at capacity (there’ve been a number of requests for capacity checks) and enhancements to Zoom. We’re trying to think through the various scenarios that could play out.

Rod suggested finding how to use this as a learning opportunity and Rob intends to reach out to the tech community to have people share their stories.

3. Update items

NGI Project: Internet2 intends to move forward with NGI plans and hasn’t heard (yet) of any supply chain issues. Rob is in touch with our major suppliers and the GlobalNOC as preparations continue.

4. Other topics

Celeste is retiring March 31st. She offered to gather as much data as possible on USC’s handling of the crisis prior to leaving. After March 31st, she will volunteer with Pacific Wave for a while. Celeste expressed her appreciation for being in the Internet2 community and how much she learned from people’s contributions. She was thanked for her participation and contributions to the community.

5. Next meeting - April 8

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