

## NET+ BPLAC Meeting Summary

August 10, 2022

Attendees: Emily Perry, Matt D’Emilio, Bobby Clark, Emma Levett, Lester Greenman, Carrie Shumaker, Marra Austin, Sean O’Brien, Sue Gavazzi, Kevin Morooney, Nikki Maloney, John Krienke

- Members approved the [July 2022 Summary](#) notes.
- Bobby provided an overview of the Vendor Management working group’s charge to assess current practices and tools, develop a common approach, and provide recommendations to the committee on areas where the NET+ program may enhance its value in this space. Emily suggested areas of focus to be operational, strategic, and procurement activities and Matt offered ideas for recruiting participants. Members were very interested and supportive of the effort. Emily will serve as chair with logistical support from Sue.
- Sean led a discussion on two-tier vendor distribution models. He noted there is a trend toward this model with NET+ contract service providers and asked for feedback from the committee. Members showed concern for a particular distributor, noting their experiences regarding negotiations. In general, members agreed that contracting and service provision as close to the IP owner is more desirable (i.e., fewer middle layers).
- Sue provided an update to EDUCAUSE meetings on behalf of Loren. He has secured a meeting room and time for BPLAC on Oct 26<sup>th</sup> and relayed an invitation from the ITPSM Community Group lead to join their meeting on Oct 25<sup>th</sup>.