

## NET+ BPLAC Meeting Summary

June 14, 2023

**Attendees:** Emily Perry, Bobby Clark, Carrie Shumaker, Lester Greenman, Kevin Morooney, Sean O'Brien, John Krienke, Nikki Maloney, Nick Lewis, Sue Gavazzi

- Members approved the [May 2023 Summary](#) notes
- Emily provided an overview of the [draft VMWG task spreadsheet](#) which the team is utilizing to build out their framework. The strategic sub-group open meeting will be scheduled in July, which will close the editing phase for the spreadsheet content. The working group continues to collect document samples for the repository.
- Sean requested input from the committee on the use of FOIA requests as a tool for NET+ to confirm vendor pricing. Members cautioned that FOIA requests require substantial time and effort by the institutions and could negatively impact Internet2's reputation. Suggested alternatives to benchmark pricing and terms included focusing a FOIA request for specific information, such as the contract document (which requires a lower effort to respond to) and including Most Favored Nations clause in the contract.
- Nick reviewed the [blog post](#) inviting volunteers to participate in the service evaluation for a Cloud Vendor Risk Management tool. He outlined the variations in this space across campuses and described the intended benefits of a tool that manages security documents for SaaS agreements. He will send a follow up email to BPLAC with a more specific ask for assistance.
- Bobby led a review of BPLAC's [stated goals](#) from 2020. Members discussed how some current activities map as deliverables to the goals and where they may be gaps. Kevin noted that the committee's work plan helps to inform his conversations in other spaces.
- Sean initiated a conversation on the benefits/drawbacks of incremental versus significant vendor pricing increases. He will provide a budgeting scenario for next month's meeting to continue the conversation on this topic.