

# Minutes from Vendor subgroup call 10-16-09

Notes: Conference call 10-16-09

Vendor subgroup minutes

Attendees:

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## **AGENDA**

Updates:

- NISO SSO group

Next steps:

- Best practices and registry
- state of these resources (draft?)
- feature more prominently
- Invitations to publishers/vendors/resource providers identified by InCommon community

Identified need for resources for institutions/libraries deploying Shib

- cookbooks
- how tos

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## **Action Items**

[AI] Kennedy - add links to best practices and registry of resources

[AI] Ingham - draft of cookbook for implementing EZproxy solution in a library

[AI] Kennedy - send note to InCommon participants list soliciting feedback on best practices and registry

[AI] West - investigate sending note to ReFeds list soliciting feedback

[AI] Woodbeck - set up AdobeConnect session for mid-November

[AI] West - post to wiki differences between UK list of publishers and InCommon list

[AI] Ingham - send message to EZproxy listserv to drum up interest in the EZproxy/shib solution among institutions using EZproxy

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## **Discussion**

NISO SSO group update - Group's kickoff meeting was last week. Kennedy, Ingham and Carmody on the call. Will take some time for the group to come to agreement on things like scope and charge. Currently doing an environmental scan looking at similar activities, such as this InCommon group.

Promulgate more widely best practices. Need to feature more prominently in wiki, they are currently buried through a couple clicks from the top page. Will want to solicit feedback from InCommon participants. Set a date of Dec 15th for receiving feedback. Send a note to the list. Follow up with AdobeConnect session in mid-November. Dean will set up the session. Format will be an hour long, Kennedy slide show for 1/2 hour followed by Q/A. Whatever we recommend, there will likely be interest on an international level. Will want to look into sharing this also with ReFeds.

So far we have concentrated on vendors that are already in InCommon. Will want to invite, encourage, recruit vendors that are not yet InCommon members. There is a second tier of vendors, those that are already SAML based and work with UK Access Management Federation. These should be the next to target. Tact might be strength in numbers; 10 or so institutions to sign some sort of letter asking vendor to join InCommon; vendors respond to their customers more than federation. Desirable to have signature of CIO or UL.

Recognition through conversations with vendors that there is a need that we have not met yet for providing resources for libraries implementing Shib. Especially for implementing our EZproxy/Shib hybrid solution. Use Case subgroup is working methodically through coupling use cases with case studies, which will eventually result in cookbooks and how tos. If we are going to recruit new vendors and possibly new institutions, we have an immediate need for documentation for institutions to complement the resource provider best practices. Maybe this group should draft the cookbook for the EZproxy/Shib hybrid. Kennedy will follow up with Thomas Howell.

A large part of this cookbook is going to be the ingredients. There are a definite set of prerequisites. And these are not simple prerequisites. Ann will share with the list the Shib deployment checklist that has been developed. Shib is a complex set up, with the cookbook, we want to get them interested, and not turn them off from the start.

On Shibboleth site, there are Info Centers. Something to think about, maybe there should be a library info center on this site.

Maybe we should be coming at this from the EZproxy angle. Both in terms of where we might want to document this sort of thing. But also where we might want to identify possible institutions with interest. Andy to send a note to the EZproxy list to seek interest.