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InCommon Steering Committee Meeting - September 9, 2019

Action Item

(AI) Steering members should send any potential Steering nominees to Kevin or Dean.

Minutes

Attending: Brad Christ, Marty Ringle, Christine Miki, Ann West, Ted Hanss, Mike Erickson, Laura Paglione, Dee Childs, Sean Reynolds, Mary Catherine Martinez, Von Welch, Janemarie Duh

With: Kevin Morooney, Steve Zoppi

InCommon LLC Discussion Follow-up

Kevin touched base with Steering for any issues or concerns about last month's discussion with John Morabito about the InCommon LLC and its relationship with Internet2. There were none, and Kevin will let John know that, and that there are no plans for further discussion at this time.

BaseCAMP Summary

The first InCommon BaseCAMP took place in August in response to feedback to make the InCommon tent bigger and provide more on-ramps to InCommon. Kevin noted that the CAMP counselors (faculty and staff) did an excellent job and came across as very helpful and caring

There were 63 attendees (83 including faculty and staff), 25 percent of which were women, which was noticed by attendees.. By show of hands, well over 90% of attendees had not attended an InCommon event in the past, so we attracted the right people.

A fair number of attendees were from Level 1 institutions (based on the InCommon fee system - so larger institutions), but the attendees were new people from those institutions.

The evaluation responses were very positive. The question asking "would you come back again?" and one about the value of the event both were rated 4.5 on a scale of 5. We had comments that people enjoyed the sharing, belonging community environment that was generated.

We organized dinners one night, allowing attendees to sign up for a specific faculty member or topic, and these were very popular.

Two-and-and-half days was about right.

InCommon Assurance Program

Ann provided background of the InCommon Assurance Program, which was started in 2011. The driver was essentially federal agencies that were talking about the need for an increased level of trust in the credentials from outside the government. InCommon became a certified credential provider under the federal program.

For a variety of reasons, including the lack of services that would require a higher level of assurance, the program never took off. We had only six campuses join, and they did so to demonstrate adherence to a good set of community practices.

The staff recommendation is to close down the assurance program, after talking with the six campuses.

Steering F2F

Kevin will propose some potential days and times for Steering to meet at the EDUCAUSE Annual Conference. We will also keep the proposed meeting on the TechEx schedule.

Steering 2020 Nominations

Steering will need to present a list of two nominees for each open spot. Ted has had discussions with the Steering members eligible for another three-year term.

The general feeling is that the current make-up of Steering is very strong in terms of diversity of representation of various stakeholders. Potential areas for consideration:

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TIER Final Report

Kevin noted that the TIER Final Report was sent to the 49 investor schools, officially ending the TIER program and acknowledging the transition to the InCommon Trusted Access Platform.

Preview for Next Meeting

Regular inflationary increases - This came up at the 2018 TechEx meeting as a potential strategic objective.

2020 fee increase - Invoices will be sent in early November.

Federation Manager and Metadata Query Service (MDQ or per-entity metadata) - The Federation Manager is the portal that enables IdPs and SPs to publish metadata and is the hub of their interaction with the Federation. The last fee increase (approved in 2017) enabled significant modernization and performance improvement of the infrastructure. MDQ is the answer to the ever-increasing size of the metadata aggregate, again significantly improving performance, particularly for service providers.

Next Meeting

Monday, October 7, 2019, 4 pm ET / 3 pm CT / 2 pm MT / 1 pm PT