

2021-Jan-12 CTAB Public Minutes

CTAB call of January 12, 2021

Attending

- David Bantz, University of Alaska (chair)
- Brett Bieber, University of Nebraska (vice chair)
- Pål Axelsson, SUNET
- Rachana Ananthakrishnan, Globus, University of Chicago
- Tom Barton, University Chicago and Internet2, ex-officio
- Ercan Elibol, Florida Polytechnic University
- Richard Frovarp, North Dakota State
- Meshna Koren, Elsevier
- Jon Miner, University of Wisconsin - Madison
- Andy Morgan, Oregon State University
- John Pfeifer, University of Maryland
- Chris Whalen, Research Data and Communication Technologies
- Jule Ziegler, Leibniz Supercomputing Centre
- Johnny Lasker, Internet2
- Ann West, Internet2
- Albert Wu, Internet2
- Emily Eisbruch, Internet

From InCommon Steering

- Dave Robinson, CIO at Grinnell College in Iowa
- Jeremy Livingston, CISO Stevens Institute of Technology

Regrets

- Eric Goodman, UCOP - TAC Representative to CTAB
- Robert Zybeck, Portland Community College
- Kevin Morooney, Internet2

Reading/Reference Material

- [Baseline Expectations 2 Implementation Plan](#) (timeline/schedule)

New Action Items from this Call

- AI (CTAB) provide possible written response to [REFEDS Baseline Expectations Consultation](#) prior to Jan 31, 2021
- AI (Brett) work with Albert to launch new Assured Access Working Group
- AI (ChrisW) talk with Jeff Erickson about membership in the Assured Access Working Group
- AI (Albert) add Jeremy and Dave from InCommon Steering to CTAB email list

Action Item from Dec 15, 2020 CTAB Call

- AI: (Albert) chat with Dean on whether we should expand the list of InCommon newsletter recipients

DISCUSSION

- [Intellectual Property reminder](#)

REFEDs baseline expectations Consultation

- The consultation for the REFEDS Baseline Expectations specification is now open <https://wiki.refeds.org/display/CON/Consultation%3A+Baseline+Expectations>
 - This specification is high level, not detailed
 - Consultation has been open since mid December 2020
 - CTAB meets on Tuesday, Jan. 26, 2021
 - The consultation closes Jan. 31, 2021
 - Pal: It will be helpful for CTAB to review the document and decide if there are comments we should add
 - SAML comment on the consultation is interesting
 - AI CTAB will provide possible written response to REFEDS Baseline Expectations consultation prior to Jan 31, 2021

Prospective InCommon Steering Liaison

- Jeremy Livingston and Dave Robinson of InCommon Steering are on this CTAB call

- InCommon Steering will decide who the liaison to CTAB will be

CTAB/NIH Assured Access Working Group

- Thanks to Tom Barton for developing the draft charter for the CTAB/NIH Assured Access Working Group
 - For background, see discussion of "Working Group to develop concrete implementation guidance for NIH requirements" in the [Dec 15, 2020 CTAB notes](#).
- This is a working group to respond to the call to action from NIH and provide guidance on how entities should make use of higher levels of assurance
- Leveraging the [REFEDs Assurance Framework](#)
- It is NOT the job of this Assured Access WG to
 - develop guidance for how to use the REFEDs MFA Profile in certain circumstances
 - align NIST SP800-63A with RAF IAPs.
 - The REFEDs Assurance WG, chaired by Jule, are taking up these issues - interested parties should participate there.
 - Jule: not sure of the timing for the mapping being done in the REFEDs Assurance WG, this is likely not a quick process
- TomB will add to the charter a note about the potential to make recommendations to the REFEDs Assurance WG
- NIH wants to reply on IAP moderate [from REFEDs Assurance Framework](#) by June 2021
- Hope this working group can release some partial recommendations relatively quickly to provide community guidance
- TomB: in some cases the Assured Access WG will focus on USA standards
 - Might focus on the I9 process in the USA
- Pal: there are culture differences. Sometimes terms are interpreted differently in Europe versus in the USA
- Comment: Adding the term [EVerify](#) might get more interest that I9 ([E-Verify and Form I-9](#))

Service Providers

- Comment: to demonstrate the value of this work, and get more momentum, we should explain the bigger picture, including SPs
- Include in scope other SPs, besides the NIH, to make the case to SPs that they should ask for this as well
- Build case for other SPs besides NIH to get behind this
- Could there be another working group deliverable focused on the SP side?
- Not only the why but also the how
- Still will be a per Service Provider process
- TomB: including SPs is a big increase in scope for the Assured Access WG
- Job 1 is getting some organizations ready, then assess and decide where to go next
- Rachana : SP perspective: reading the draft charter for the new working group, this seems like something for SPs to wait and watch

Logistics for new Assured Access Working Group

- Proposed weekly meetings for the Assured Access Working Group.
- Looking for a convener chair
- Could identify chair at first call of the new WG
- **DECISION:** CTAB agrees to initiate the Assured Access Working Group
- Assured Access Working Group can include members not part of CTAB
- Al Brett will work with Albert to launch new Assured Access Working Group
- Interested individuals for proposed working group:
 - Rachana, Chris, Jon, Tom, David, Eric, Ercan, Brett Pal; Albert invite Scott Cantor, Kyle (NIH), Jule
 - Add additional individuals from NIH team?? Perhaps those working on Researcher Authorization service. Sumit?
 - Al ChrisW will talk with Jeff Erikson on membership in **Assured Access Working Group**
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Looking ahead to BEv2 activities in the next 6 months

- InCommon Ops is creating health check list
- Then targeted emails will be sent no less than monthly
- Will tell participant what they are missing to meet BEv2 and will send them to the BEv2 wiki
- There is a template for contacting non compliant entities
- Timed articles around BEv2 will happen via regular Trust and Identity Newsletters to provide guidance/advice on specific solutions/workarounds
- Hope that by July 2021 we can officially transition to BE v2
- Leading up to July, adoption of BEv2 is voluntary
- After July, it won't be allowed to publish metadata unless you meet BEv2 requirements
- During the transition period
- CTAB reaches out to "stragglers"
- CTAB may host office hours in period leading up to transition
- Will decide based on community feedback and needs

Not discussed on this call

- How do we incentivize adoption of research collaboration enabling/required specs?
 - MFA
 - R&S / additional entity categories / attributes work?
 - Assurance

- Relationship to REFEDS WG efforts
 - Messaging to execs / non-IAM specialists
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- Teeing up for future call: Baseline 3 data points
 - NIH work as a barometer for BE3?
 - REFEDS Baseline - where do we go with this?

Next CTAB Call: Tuesday, January 26, 2021