2021-Feb-9 CTAB Public Minutes

CTAB call Tuesday, February 9, 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
- Eric Goodman, UCOP - InCommon TAC Representative to CTAB
- Meshna Koren, Elsevier
- Jon Miner, University of Wisc - Madison
- Andy Morgan, Oregon State University
- Dave Robinson, Grinnell College, InCommon Steering Rep, ex-officio
- Chris Whalen, Research Data and Communication Technologies
- Jule Ziegler, Leibniz Supercomputing Centre
- Robert Zybeck, Portland Community College
- Johnny Lasker, Internet2
- Kevin Morooney, Internet2
- Albert Wu, Internet2 HERE
- Emily Eisbruch, Internet2 HERE

Regrets:

- John Pfeifer, University of Maryland
- Ann West, Internet2

Action Items

- AI Jule reach out to HeatherF around EduPersonAssurance and REFEDs R&S 2.0 Working Group
- AI ChrisW ask at RAS Governance council about eRA commons use cases

[Intellectual Property reminder]

Discussion

Welcome

- Welcome Dave Robinson, CIO from Grinnell College in Iowa - InCommon Steering Liaison to CTAB

Around the Community - Updates from Other Efforts

- [REFEDS Baseline Expectations Consultation]
    - Consultation is closed. Working Group is reviewing comments received

- [REFEDS Assurance Working Group] - [WG Meeting Notes]
    - Tom, Pal and Albert participate
    - Working group is discussing MFA, assurance proofing
    - For REFEDs MFA, some clarifications are needed on how to apply
        - hope to make the REFEDs MFA profile clearer for adopters
        - for example how to handle Fail Open Close issues
    - Reviewing existing assurance framework and definitions, possibility to define different levels of identity proofing, rather than only referencing external resources

- [InCommon Steering] update
    - Deciding on key questions for InCommon Steering to tackle in 2021
    - Focus on communication and outreach
    - Need to do a better job of explaining what InCommon offers, and how new orgs / entities can come on board
    - outreach to both IDPs and SPs
    - For existing InCommon participant organizations, there is a need to explain how to get more value from the federation
    - Learned about [InCommon Catalysts] program
    - IDP as a Service and how that fits in
    - Market survey was done 5 years ago to gather data around InCommon Federation adoption and perceptions

- [REFEDs R&S 2.0 Working Group]
    - Discussion on identifiers and restructuring the document
    - Making it apply to OIDC
    - Home institution attribute
    - R&S 1.0 and R&S 2.0 will be in parallel in the future
    - EduPersonAssurance discussion, need more advocating for this.
    - Pal advocates for EduPersonAssurance, but needs others

- - - Need to explain the value for EduPersonAssurance or it will likely be dropped
    - Jule will help at the Assurance Working Group to better define need for EduPersonAssurance and then reach out to REFEDs R&S 2.0 Working Group
    - AI Jule reach out to HeatherF around EduPersonAssurance and REFEDs R&S 2.0 Working Group
    - A lot of the work is driven by needs of SPs and IDPs
    - scopedAffiliation is another possible addition to REFEDs R&S

- It was agreed that CTAB would like updates from other efforts on an ongoing basis.
    - InCommon TAC requests email updates from groups of interest

Baseline Expectations V2 updates

- Baseline Expectations 2 Implementation Plan (timeline/schedule)
- Developers have provided an API for BEv2 health check
- Working on scripts for mail merge and health check report
- Albert will work on graphs and adherence statistics
- Johnny is working on mail merge and messages for notification and health check status
- Also figuring out how to handle bounces of emails
- Suggestion to have placeholder for CTAB office hours in March
- Have not yet heard many objections from community
- But it will be good to have officer hours in case

- Albert has started FAQ for Baseline Expectations 2.0
- https://spaces.at.internet2.edu/display/BE/be2-faq
- Doc for collecting questions: Questions for BE2 FAQ
- JonM, got an interesting question.
        - UW-Madison hosts an entity for Illinois. Illinois asked about the SIRTFI requirement in BE2.
        - JonM asked them to check their contract (and contacts).
        - We may get more of this type of question.
- Good to collect such questions
- Meshna: For an SP, there can be challenges asserting both Data protection Code of Conduct https://wiki.refeds.org/display/CODE/Data+Protection+Code+of+Conduct+Home and SIRTFI compliance.
        - Must go through lawyers.
        - Lawyers ask for clarifications.
        - SIRTFI can be vague, and it must be vague by nature. But creates an issue with the lawyers.
        - Need place to get answers about SIRTFI and what is OK
- TomB: there's a process to address such questions around SIRTFI, there is REFEDs Steering committee. Need to shine better light on the process
        - Would be helpful for SIRTFI working group to know which SIRTFI items caused concern from the lawyers or others.
        - Please send to TomB or the SIRTFI working group any info on SIRTFI issues causing concern

CTAB/NIH Assured Access Working Group Status Update

- Assurance Access Working Group wiki: https://spaces.at.internet2.edu/display/aawg
- First meeting was last Thursday
- Reviewed charter for the Working Group and goals
- About 12 people attended
- Plan to meet weekly
- Next meeting, will talk about how to divide up work over next 8 weeks
- Discuss how to get more participation in the working group and how to share progress
- Ryan from U Nebraska and Brett will show proof of concept around complying with NIH requirements
- Will share existing mapping of I9 with NIST SP800-63A
- Noted that timeline is short
- NIH will start to implement new requirements in a few months
- Advice for IdP operators on how to map/assert assurance
- Encourage other RO and agencies to adopt same/equivalent assurance profiles

NIH / eRA requiring MFA - update from NIH coordination call

- There was a high-level communication oriented call w Jeff E from NIH
- In addition, there was another call with implementation group

- **MFA requirement**
        - eRA will require MFA as of Sept 15, 2021
        - NIH is big organization and not everything moves at same pace
        - There is a Proxy NIH Login, supports a variety of credential types
        - There are tens of thousands of eRA (Electronic Research Administration) users
        - eRA (Electronic Research Administration) is retiring older login approaches
        - eRA is encouraging users to get login.gov credentials
        - They are also happy to promote federated credentials
        - A few steps needed until federated credentials can work with eRA
        - Account linking will be offered for organizations who need to use login.gov short term, but should use federated login in the long run.
        - Need to be able to signal to eRA

- **Identity assurance**
        - The identity assurance needs will not be address across all of NIH, it will be per service

- For some NIH services, the IAP values of a certain level may be required
- Other NIH services may require NIST 800-63-3
- eRA (Electronic Research Administration) is 800K credentials stored at NI
- Set up years ago for researchers who receive a grant at a university or other research institution to report on funding for grant
- How does this work with Login.gov?
- Need to Map eRA process into IAL framework
- Every year, now organizations will need to login using eRA
- It seems likely that NIH will eventually get rid of eRA commons
- Globus platform users have applications that require identity from eRA commons: impact and communication to such stakeholders
- [AI] ChrisW ask at RAS Governance council about eRA commons use cases

Next CTAB Call: Tuesday, Feb. 23, 2021