

# 2021-11-01

InCommon Steering Committee Meeting - Nov 1, 2021

## Agenda

- Nominations update (15min: Ann)
  - [Details of nominations](#)
  - [Steering members with terms ending 2021](#)
  - Terms ending in 2021: **Dee Childs**, Brad Christ, **Ted Hanss**, Christine Miki, Chris Sedore (those in bold have served two terms).

Name	Organization	Title
Izzat Alsmadi	Texas A&M, San Antonio	Associate Professor and Department Chair
Douglas McCrea	Rider University	Chief Information Officer
Brett Bieber	University of Nebraska	Director of Security Engineering
Rachana Ananthakrishnan	Globus/University of Chicago	Executive Director
Jacob Farmer	Indiana University	Director of Client Services
Kendra Ard	California State University	Senior Director for Infrastructure and Communication
Chris Miller	Western Washington University IT Services	Director of Enterprise Infrastructure Services
Christopher Gaeta	Grapefruit Medical	CEO
Melissa Haendel	University of Colorado Anschutz Medical Campus	Chief Research Informatics Officer (CU)
Jeff Erickson	National Institutes of Health NIH	Manager, Identity and Access Management (IAM) Services   Center for Information Technology (CIT)
Rebecca Rosen	National Institute of Mental Health/National Institutes of Health	Program Lead, Senior Advisor, Office of Technology Dept and Coordination
Chris Chute	Johns Hopkins	Leadership Team. Bloomberg Distinguished Professor in Health Informatics
Susan Fairley	Global Alliance for Genomics Health	Chief Standards Officer
Tracy Webber	University of Notre Dame	Sr Director of IT Services

- InCommon Steering 2022 Planning (30min: Ann, all)
  - Review Draft [planning document](#)

## Minutes

- **Attending:** Laura Paglione, Brad Christ, Kristi Holmes, Ann West, Marc Wallman, Chris Misra, Jeremy Livingston, Michael Berman, Chris Sedore, Christine Miki, Dave Robinson
- **With:** Elaine Alejo, Keith Wessel, Albert Wu, Steve Zoppi, Von Welch, David Bantz
- **Regrets:** Kevin Morooney, Ted Hanss

**Nominations** that have come in (see chart above ) were gone over with the group and as of meeting time we had 14 that have been added to the document including those from Laura

**Planning doc-** Ann lead a discussion with the group on the planning document that outlined topics for 2022.

**Stakeholder Groups :** We are seeing several trends. In the Research area, NIH is interested in driving more institutions into InCommon, NSF Campus Cyberinfrastructure (CI) solicitation is helping schools adopt CI, including the InCommon federation, and Internet2's NSF Award will be helping to facilitate the building of a Minority Serving Compute Consortium to help them build CI . Kristi Holmes mentioned that there are increasing research initiatives out there (AI) and spoke to the importance of getting these research partners to help with the sustainability. Albert mentioned that as of the end of October, 136 of approximately 250 InCommon participants with NIH grants have tested and verified support for REFEDS MFA.

**Libraries:** was another stakeholder group that was discussed and Ann mentioned that InCommon might adopt it across the federation and that there was a need to look at the implications globally. This will play a big part next year. Kristi Holmes appreciated the focus on seamless access for libraries because it provides the platform we need to give input in a constructive manner. Ann suggested that a concierge service for the federation would be helpful. This could help streamline their participation, let them know exactly what they need to know and how to make it theirs. Brad added that he had conversations during educause with folks about joining federation and eduroam.

**Baseline expectations:** David Bantz gave a brief update on Baseline Expectations 2.0- that it would be ending at the end of the year and we are at 80% compliance right now. As far as the next Baseline Expectations (3.0), it will be community developed with Identity assurance and identity categories emerging. There will be solicitation of what we need all participants to agree on to make the community as valuable as we can.

Ann- [SIRTFI](#), part of Baseline expectations 2, begins to address processes for federated incident response. We have been approached by NIH to conduct a community tabletop exercise to learn what a federated incident might look like and how the community might respond. CTAB is leading this work and David is reaching out to REN-ISAC to bring folks together to participate. When we have issues that are federated in nature we will have a sense on how to address these things. Chris Misra acknowledged that this is great progress and is willing to help. Dave Robinson serves on REN-ISAC Steering and is also willing to help.

**Emerging business, threats, opportunities:** Laura proposed to discuss additional topics next year related to what was explored with Federation 2.0 - what core services should federations like InCommon be providing and how has the ecosystem necessitated this change. She also asked if there is any role for the Federation in ensuring that the median age of the IAM workforce in the US doesn't get any higher, and perhaps lowers over time. She believes this issue has the potential to significantly impact anything that we hope to do in the other areas. Ann asked how do people learn about us? The way our community is set up right now is not conducive to bringing in lots of new people. How do we reach out early? How much of this is masking the complexity? Expectations and the value of Federation was mentioned by Brad.

**Business Ops:** Executive roles are the policy keepers of the organizations they serve as part of executive verification. Brad mentioned that it will be interesting to hear how the eduoam transition went and if there are any lessons we might learn. Most likely we will have to push the executive verification out until after the eduoam transition.

**PAG:** There is discussion on going about merging the PAG and Steering- "Steering Plus"

**Other comments:** Ann has asked our new Community Success Manager to do an audit of all of our groups to determine how people learn about us and come in.

## Next standing committee meeting

- Dec 6, 2021 - 4 pm ET / 3 pm CT / 2 pm MT / 1 pm PT