

2022-07-11

Agenda

1. Consent Agenda
 - a. Changes to Carnegie Classifications and their impact on the InCommon fee schedule
2. **(Vote requested)** InCommon Technical Advisory Committee report on "InCommon Discovery Futures"(35 minutes, Keith)
 - a. <https://spaces.at.internet2.edu/display/TI/TI.162.1>
 - b. A short presentation about the topic
3. Steering liaison to Community Trust and Assurance Board (CTAB) (5 minutes, Brad+David+Kevin and others)
4. InCommon Future Report and Recommendation (20 minutes, Kevin+Marc and others)
 - a. [The 2009 report](#) (this is available from incommon.org)
 - b. Possible discussion points, questions
 - i. Is it time to do a 2023 InCommon Future Report?
 - ii. How do we garner the attention and care of more InCommon participant executives? participants?

Attending: Jeremy Livingston, Michael Berman, Chris Misra, Marc Wallman, Laura Paglione, Brad Christ, Dave Robinson, Rachana Ananthakrishnan , Ann West, Christine Miki, Kristi Holmes (attended 1/2)

With: Kevin Morooney, Elaine Alejo, John Krienke, Keith Wessel, Rob Carter, Von Welch, David Bantz, Steve Zoppi

Regrets: none

Notes:

InCommon Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) Discovery Futures Report: Keith Wessel gave an overview of InCommon Discovery Futures: TAC recommendations to Steering report. Discovery allows someone to pick the institution from which they want to authenticate. InCommon is quickly outgrowing what the current solution can support. Newer technologies are coming out that scale better. There are other replacement options to consider; SPs run their own discovery service, replace existing software with a new service, SeamlessAccess (SA). SA, for example, is already used for IdP discovery by the Swedish federation SWITCH, among others)

TAC is asking Steering to review the report and its recommendations. Keith highlighted Implications with branding, questions of IdPs to include and not include. Should IdPs from other federations that aren't exported to eduGain be included?

Operational stability: currently SeamlessAccess is operated by GÉANT in Europe. Centralized IdP discovery is a mission critical component of a federation.

Centralized discovery: do we want to require use of SeamlessAccess by federation members?, or do we establish guidance on InCommon compatible discovery services?

It was asked if the SeamlessAccess IdP list is only InCommon IdPs. Ann mentioned It would include all edugain IdPs

Discussion on the InCommon operations staffing challenge? It was mentioned there are pros and cons to the challenge with SeamlessAccess.

Noted that Regulatory issues weren't examined in this report.

It was asked if security implications were examined. What are the risks and benefits of the recommendations? Keith replied that there are a number of safeguards in place, nothing different than what we are seeing today with the current discovery service. SPs are supposed to validate the responses from IdPs.

Comments that it would be a golden opportunity to think about an eduroam like branding for InCommon, edugain. Several agreed

Laura stated that she thinks the metadata piece is a big and important driver. SPs want the flexibility to pull out specific IdPs from discovery for various reasons. Branding will be a signal to users that the metadata is different from what they see other times when they see the SeamlessAccess button.

Keith mentioned if we require all InCommon use of SeamlessAccess it would be in our best interest to do a limiting listing of who is on the page. There will be some that don't want all SPs to be on the list.

SeamlessAccess page you don't see the drop down menu at all. The user interface is less of a challenge.

Motion made by Ann West: Accept the report as a recommendation from TAC and have steering look into the next steps, and direct InCommon management (Kevin Morooney, Ann West, and Steve Zoppi) to work with TAC on additional issues and questions.

Laura Paglione seconded the motion.

In favor: Chris Misra, Jeremy Livingston, Michael Berman, Christine Miki, Rashana, Ann West, Mark Wallman, Brad Christ, Dave Robinson,

Opposed: none

Abstaining: Laura Paglione

Motion passed

Looking for a Steering representative for CTAB: If any steering committee members are interested, contact Brad, Kevin or David Bantz.

inCommon Futures report: Kevin posed the question- is it time to do this again or something like this?

There was a brief explanation of how the original document came about in the past and the present needs with all of the swirling dynamics we are managing.

It was stated that at the Leadership Exchange event the CIO'S present might not have understood all the tools/solutions and their potential . A new document would serve a lot to help those that pay the bills understand and help with engagement.

If the resources are available to do it well, it would be very useful to have.

It was mentioned that this could be a project in 2023 for Steering.

Reminder that the August meeting will be the update for marketing and branding. Dave Robinson asked if this potential activity could be connected with the marketing/branding work.

Kevin mentioned that the next Internet2 board meeting is at the end of July.

Meeting adjourned