19 December 2012

Building Identity Trust Federations Conference Call

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1) In Attendance

- Keith Hazelton (UW-Madison)
- George Laskaris (NJEDge.Net)
- Greg Monaco (Kansas State University)
- John Moore (MCNC)
- Steve Olshansky (Internet2)
- Benn Oshrin (Internet2)
- Mark Scheible (MCNC)
- Valerie Vogel (EDUCAUSE)
- Ann West (Internet2)

2) InCommon's New Distributed Framework for Federation

- John Moore, Mark Scheible, George Laskaris, & Ann West spoke about a recent effort chartered by InCommon and designed to develop a new distributed framework for federation that would extend InCommon Federation Services to K-12 (and potentially other CAIs) in collaboration with regional networks.
- Details were also provided about a one-day workshop to be held during the February Quilt meeting in La Jolla, CA. More details are available at: http://www.thequilt.net/index.php/events/241-2013-quilt-winter-meeting-registration
- InCommon formed a working group to look at the issues, general approaches, and what would make sense in terms of a partnership for regional networks (delegating to regional networks and help develop a model that would scale well for the rest of the community). They are interested in serving groups of community colleges, K-12, and smaller institutions.
- IdM cyberinfrastructure that might let Net+ program scale beyond R1 institutions, so Shel Waggener is involved.
- Others participating include: Jim Siegel with Fairfax County K-12, Mike Berman (CENIC board member, but also dealing with K-12 in CA). Steve O., Ann West, John K., James W., and Jack Suess are supporting from InCommon.
- Don't have appropriate metadata to work with K-12. Extend eduPerson affiliation to work with K-12.
- Developed use cases for K-12 to get involved, including drivers for K-12.
- Wanted to target an effort to work more closely with regionals. Delegated federated responsibilities.
- Hosting a 1-day workshop in La Jolla in February. Bringing federated IdM policy and technical people together. Program committee developing an agenda for the workshop. Will have a technical track and a policy track.
    - Mark: Distributed federation model that allows regionals to carry federated services to some of the less experienced and/or resource challenged organizations. Also work through some of the issues for K-12 and some of the community colleges or other small higher ed institutions that don't quite fit the model that InCommon was originally based on for research institutions.
- Friday, January 18, 1 pm ET – Introduction to Federations and InCommon webinar (basic intro/terminology). The second webinar is Friday, January 25, 1 pm ET – it will provide a more in-depth overview of models and strategies that could be used in a distributed framework for federation. More details are available in the attached Word document.