

**CE-PAG Notes - Public**  
**Wednesday - 6/23/2021**

**Agenda**

**Brief Updates**

- PAG Reps call / discussion
  - That group expressed continued value in meeting to understand the potential benefits of cross-collaborational information re: activities at Internet2. The more communication the better
  - Interest in hearing more inclusive voices and that approach in Internet2, governance etc
  - ? When the PAG chairs got together, was there discussion about their involvement with the Board? Was it a positive or negative discussion?
    - A: Don't recall a discussion related to that
    - A: There was a question about reactivation of the Program and Priorities Committee (PPC), maybe this a discussion item to bring up with the Board?

**Discussion**

- NSF Proposal and other efforts re: Minority Serving Cyberinfrastructure Consortium (MS-CC)
  - Earlier this year, the MS-CC released a stakeholder alignment survey in partnership with WayMark Systems. Gathered really valuable data, highlighted opportunities for collaboration amongst HBCUs, TCUs and HSIs. Would encourage everyone to watch the March webinar that MS-CC hosted about those efforts [[recording](#)]
  - Right now the MS-CC is not a standalone organization
  - In June 2021, Internet2 submitted a proposal on behalf of the MS-CC (grant funds will go towards MS-CC efforts and interests).
    - Ana is PI and the project team is made up of MS-CC members
    - We hope the proposal we submitted gets funded this fiscal year
    - Internet2 is working with MS-CC on additional outreach (maybe another survey) and the details of how they would like to allocate grant funds, should they be awarded
  - Internet2 and the MS-CC have a letter of collaboration in place. There is still more work to be done to move towards a more formal MOU to determine how we will continue to work together
  - [*Ana sharing slides: Demo Pilot - MS-CC*] re: proposal submitted to NSF
    - Vision
    - Proposed outcomes / 2 year plan

- Proposed approach for achieving outcomes
      - The MS-CC has come so far from where we started. We believe that we really can become our own entity
    - Cyberinfrastructure Center of Excellence (CoE) Pilot
    - Program team
  - Feedback:
    - As a small organization who has not successfully received grants, we have received feedback as to why. Statements like we're "not a proven performer" come up. It's a challenge that you need to be aware of if you are unknown by these large entities (e.g. NSF)
    - How does this connect with [The Minds We Need?](#)
      - Across the various organizations involved (EDUCAUSE, The Quilt, I2) - how do we turn this into advocacy for inclusion? Maybe at the next meeting we can bring someone in to talk more about The Minds We Need
- Membership Working Group progress update
  - Working group has met three times to date
  - Email sent 6/21/21 with today's CE PAG agenda also included 2 additional materials for review [see documents for more detail]:
    - 1. PAG Guidelines from 2018
    - 2. Summary of Working Group's thoughts to date
      - PAG composition
        - It would be difficult to have the same types of discussions if membership included Industry folks
        - Regarding being more visible to the community - we need to think about whether or not people understand how they can participate in these groups. How do we make it more evident that there are opportunities to volunteer?
          - Call for participation for all of the PAGs with a description of their focus
          - This process will make us look very transparent, unlike an exclusive group that isn't interested in welcoming new community members
      - Terms of office
      - Refreshment of PAG membership
        - Desire to contribute is a huge qualification

- Another topic that has surfaced is the role the PAG can (and potentially should) play going forward
  - We also discussed many other areas and concluded that there are a lot of elements that we're already doing correctly
- Quick poll on July meeting attendance (Mike)
  - Chair cannot attend the July meeting
  - Suggested topic: next year's strategy is around conferences, where do we stand, what are we thinking, etc.
    - By then Internet2 should also have released another survey measuring community feelings on that