

InCommon Policy Forum
Internet2 Fall Member Meeting
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Jack Suess provided an update from InCommon and InCommon Steering:

InCommon now provides trust services for:

- the InCommon Federation (federated identity management)
- the InCommon Certificate Service
- the coming InCommon Assurance Program

InCommon now has three participant categories

- higher ed
- research organizations
- sponsored partners

Plus, there is the InCommon Affiliate program for commercial or non-profit organizations that provide software, content, guidance, support, and implementation and integration services related to InCommon participation.

Steering Committee

InCommon Steering is responsible for the policy and business affairs of InCommon. Because of expected governance changes in 2012, no new members will be elected this year, but members with expiring terms will serve an additional year.

- Steering has also added subcommittees to facilitate its work (governance, finance and services, and strategic relationships)

Future Report

As a reminder, the Future Report (developed to inform the goals of InCommon) was released in summer 2009, with 13 recommendations. Many of the goals and recommendations have been accomplished and Steering will begin looking ahead to 2015. The Future Report is at: https://spaces.internet2.edu/download/attachments/3441099/InCommonFuture_20090701.pdf

Metrics

- InCommon continues to sustain consistent growth (now up to 333 participants)
- The Certificate Service has 131 subscribers, 2,234 domains, and more than 26,000 certificates issued.

Goals for 2012

- work to increase the sponsored partner SP value proposition, with the goal of increasing the number of SPs
- determining how Net+ and federal partnerships can increase the number and breadth of services provided by Sponsored Partners
- work with affiliates to provide efficient on-ramps to InCommon
- launch the assurance program in the first quarter of 2012
- identify the first applications for client certificates
- revamp InCommon governance and develop a three-year plan
- launch additional trust services (such as multi-factor authentication)

Annual Fee Increase for 2012 approved by Steering

- there was no fee increase for 2011. An increase in fees for 2012 has been approved. The new fees are:
 - o level 1 - \$3250
 - o level 2 - \$2700
 - o level 3 - \$1600
 - o level 4 - \$1180
- it is expected that fees will also increase in 2013 and 2014, but those decisions are being deferred until after Internet2 names a vice president for Net+ services.
the fees will support initiatives to:
 - o increase the adoption by sponsored partners
 - o develop and deploy the assurance program in 2012 for high-value SPs (National Institutes of Health, National Student Clearinghouse Meteor service, CI Logon, FICAM)
 - o new/enhanced tools for metadata management

Proposal for Default Attribute Bundles

Steven Carmody outlined a proposal to provide the default release of attributes by identity providers to certain service providers. This would streamline the deployment of certain low-risk services.

- This proposal would create a category of service providers called Research & Scholarship.
 - o Examples are Tera Grid, LIGO, academic department services, other collaboration services. Services requiring contracts, like commercial services, would not qualify because they have additional requirements.
- Service providers would ask to be in the R&S category. They would meet certain operational criteria (including a full set of contact information and MDUI elements provided).
- After approval, an SP's metadata would be tagged as R&S.
- Identity providers would implement policies in their configurations to release the default set of attributes (including name, email, and institutional affiliation).
- InCommon expects to create other categories.

The proposal is at : <https://spaces.internet2.edu/pages/viewpage.action?pageId=25865719>

InCommon Assurance Program

Ann West provided an update on the InCommon Assurance Program. InCommon plans to roll out the Silver assurance profile in the first quarter of 2012. Ann reviewed a proposed audit process (for auditing campus identity management practices, and the certification workflow. There will be a number of community resources and toolkits available for campuses interested in Silver, and InCommon will develop webinars and coordinate cohort calls.

An early list of expected Silver service providers includes:

- National Institutes of Health eRA (electronic research admin)
- National Student Clearinghouse – Meteor (aggregated view into student loan liabilities)
- Cyberinfrastructure Research Services
 - o CI Logon (access to research and grid apps)
 - o LIGO

The timeline includes testing in November and December, educational programs to start in December, and InCommon being ready to certify for Silver in January 2012. The first application requiring Silver is expected to be deployed in early 2012.

Details are available at assurance.incommon.org.