

At the May 11 meeting of the Program Subcommittee we had a lengthy discussion about the role of the Program Subcommittee going forward.

Given the delegated responsibility given to Ann West by Steering to develop and present the plan of work for InCommon and the anticipated resources to be able to execute the plan, the role of the Program Subcommittee needs to change or be eliminated. (and let's not get hung up on the name of the Subcommittee or whether or not it even continues to be a Subcommittee). If it is not eliminated, then the role of such a group should be to advise and/or recommend regarding the InCommon plan. The group should advise on resources, viability, community impact and other tactical and strategic points to be considered by Internet2 and/or InCommon Steering regarding the plan. It is believed to be important, as a community based Federation, to have community involvement and outreach throughout the planning process.

With the above discussion as background we see the following possibilities:

Option 1) Internet2 develops the InCommon program and accompanying community outreach plan, presents it to full Steering for approval and then later Internet2/Steering involve the community on the plan.

Option 2) Internet2 will seek the involvement of the community (including TAC, AAC and other bodies and mechanisms like online forums) on the plan and presenting the plan and community results to Steering for approval.

Option 3) Create an Advisory group (A replacement for the current Programs Subcommittee: Program Advisory Committee) to advise and make recommendations on the InCommon plan developed by Internet2. The PAC and Internet2 would obtain community input and Internet2 then presents the plan to InCommon Steering with the resulting PAC recommendations, and Steering would have final approval.

Option 4) Keep the Program Subcommittee (with a modified mission) and Steering delegates the approval of the InCommon plan developed by Internet2 to the Program Subcommittee using appropriate mechanisms for community input to the development of the plan.

Steering, what would you like to do?