

# 2023-March-7 CTAB Public Minutes

CTAB Call Tuesday March 7, 2023

## Attending

David Bantz, University of Alaska (chair)  
Warren Anderson, LIGO  
Pål Axelsson, SUNET  
Tom Barton, Internet2, ex-officio  
Matt Eisenberg, NIAID  
Richard Frovarp, North Dakota State  
Eric Goodman, UCOP - InCommon TAC Representative to CTAB  
Mike Grady, Unicon  
Scott Green, Eastern Washington U  
Johnny Lasker, Internet2  
Kyle Lewis, Research Data and Communication Technologies  
Jon Miner, University of Wisc - Madison (co-chair)  
Andy Morgan, Oregon State University  
Andrew Scott, Internet2  
Rick Wagner, UCSD Ann West, Internet2  
Albert Wu, Internet2  
Emily Eisbruch, Independent, scribe

## Regrets

Ercan Elibol, Florida Polytechnic University  
Meshna Koren, Elsevier  
Kevin Morooney, Internet2

## Pre-reads

- [InCommon CTAB 2023 Work Plan](#)
- This is now a public document

## Discussion

- Internet2 Intellectual Property Reminder: <https://internet2.edu/community/about-us/policies/internet2-intellectual-property-policy/>

Working Group updates

- InCommon Steering discussed a futures plan (David)
  - An effort led by Ann West to formulate an action plan for next few years for InCommon Federation
  - There may be surveys coming out in relation to futures
  - Albert will ask if the powerpoint is available for CTAB to view
- SIRTFI Exercise Working Group (Kyle)
  - This is item #1 on [InCommon CTAB 2023 Work Plan](#)
  - First meeting was earlier today, working to identify a chair
  - Enthusiasm
  - There may be micro events leading up to the tabletop exercise
  - Given TechEX timing this year, it might be before the "big event" TTX
- [InCommon TAC](#) (Eric)
  - Continued discussion on Workplan
    - Detailed discussion on (new) SAML2Int/Deployment Profile and Entity Category support.
    - Deployment Profile seems to lean towards adoption of subject-id
    - Entity Categories refers to the categories coming out of Seamless Access (Anonymous, Pseudonymous, Personalized)
    - Is there a demand in the community for subject-ID and entity categories? Or a need to generate a demand?
    - Seamless Access entity categories (Anonymous, Pseudonymous, Personalized) are meant for publishing community
      - Likely Personalized will be more challenging to release than Anonymous and Pseudonymous
    - Question: where is support for R&S category?
      - Albert: there was a jump when NIH required R&S; otherwise there has been flat growth. If more SPs demand R&S, there will be more IDPs supporting it. Some campuses are more focused on research than others, so we may never get to 100% of IDPs supporting R&S
      - R&S is a way to simplify attribute release

- Some IDPs use eRA and release attributes either by unilateral ARP or by releasing generally, ie, it's not just by supporting the R&S EC.
- CACTI (Richard & Mike)
  - Discussion on VC (verifiable credentials) and digital wallets
  - Most of the work on digital wallets is outside the sphere of CACTI, higher ed IT and federation. IEEE is looking at VC and digital wallets
  - Some organizations are working on managing the trust keys
  - Next IAM online is on self sovereign identities [incommon.org/academy/iamonline/](https://incommon.org/academy/iamonline/)
- REFEDS MFA (Albert)
  - Group will shift towards 2.0 version
  - Changes needed will be "contained"
  - There will be an effort to clarify how things apply
  - Focus on clarifying forceAuthn behaviors
    - forceAuthn is a SAML and CAS spec thing
  - How to characterize and clarify the 12 hour window
- REFEDS Assurance (Kyle)
  - Continues to refine final draft to make ready for public consultation
  - About 80% through processing the comments
- NIST 800-63-4 updates (Tom)
  - <https://www.nccoe.nist.gov/digital-identity-guidelines-webinar-series>
  - Or <https://content.govdelivery.com/accounts/USNIST/bulletins/3487f14>
  - This is item #2 on [InCommon CTAB 2023 Work Plan](#)
  - The editorial group has completed initial review of 63, 63A, and 63B. Next up: 63C.
  - Tom Barton reports the review work is on track
  - IAL1 versus IAL2 - suggestion to reduce evidence needed for IAL1
  - Trusted referees construct - draft talks about trusted referees as agent of CSP, unclear what that means. Suggestion to clarify that.
  - 800-63C focuses on federation, and the group will likely have suggestions for that
  - InCommon and FAL1 or FAL2, identity provider requirements and relying party requirements
  - Potentially find a way to separate InCommon membership from membership in an FAL2 federation.
  - [Webinars are coming up](#)
- Operationalizing Baseline Expectations discussion (Warren)
  - This is item #3 on [InCommon CTAB 2023 Work Plan](#)
  - Group met last week, good discussion
  - [https://docs.google.com/document/d/15A1iSaSrvh6MDX5eXWYN-S42pxhXbWDJ1-2r24AK\\_MI/edit?pli=1#heading=h.ath0gekz8skw](https://docs.google.com/document/d/15A1iSaSrvh6MDX5eXWYN-S42pxhXbWDJ1-2r24AK_MI/edit?pli=1#heading=h.ath0gekz8skw)
  - Purpose: develop a concrete set of proposals for general discussion within CTAB
  - Warren's spreadsheet was not the focus
  - Instead, the group discussed how much this should be a prescriptive versus suggesting exercise
  - Although SysAdmins are the points of contact for InCommon, it is the InCommon Exec who is more responsible for some of the issues. There is not a systematic way to track the Execs, in case there is a change, and how to contact the Execs
  - Issue that Exec can't always log into federation manager; it depends on coordination within the institution
  - Group will meet again in 2 weeks, Albert is flywheel

**Next CTAB Call:** Tuesday, March 21, 2023