12-12-12 Meeting Agenda and Notes

Meeting Details: Wednesdays, 3:00 - 4:00 pm ET
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Participants

Who	With	Present		Who	With	Present		Who	With	Present
Tom Barton	U Chicago			Benn Oshrin	Internet2 / Various			Steve Olshansky	Internet2	
Rob Carter	Duke University			Renee Shuey	Penn State			Bill Yock	U Dub/Rice Board	
Jim Jokl	Univ. Virginia			Hampton Sublett	UC Davis			Keith Hazelton	UW-Madison / Internet2	
Dedra Chamberlin	Berkeley & UCSF			Eric Westfall	Kuali Rice, Indiana			Bill Thompson	Unicon / Jasig	
Jens Haeusser	Independent									

AGENDA

- State of play WRT Strategic Alliance
  - See email below between Shel and Tom Barton
- Any critical issues on technical work of CIFER teams
- Updates for the web site
- Your items here

Next call (last of the year): Wednesday, December 19

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From: Shel Waggener <swaggener@internet2.edu>
Date: December 8, 2012 8:48:01 AM CST
To: Tom Barton <tbarton@uchicago.edu>, InCommon TAC <tac@incommon.org>, steering@incommon.org
Subject: Re: [TAC-InC] InCommon TAC Update
Reply-To: tac@incommon.org

Tom,
Responding to steering as well and think of this as both to the groups and to each of you as identity leaders in the community.

In your request to the board, the response from the board was positive regarding the need to develop a broader more inclusive identity strategy however there was concern that the general planning approach that I requested and was proposed was not specific enough in outcomes. My proposal to hire a resource to technically, and more importantly functionally, the current landscape of all the identity projects associated with higher education (and associated commercial offerings) and have the community represent the maturity level, interoperability, opportunities, and risks associated with each. I have agreed to fund that work immediately.   Then the next step is to use that material in the strategic planning process related to Identity working with InC TAC and other groups, including CIFER. Internet2 will play a lead role in CIFER and I will be working with the Rice and Kuali Boards, and the JASIG folks, to get that in place. Doing so will help keep our investments aligned so we can reduce some of the overlap and duplication we have today.

I will be posting a new position for Internet2 NET+ to serve as chief integration / technology officer who will have in their portfolio responsibility for working with the identity community inside of I2 and outside and with our commercial providers to make sure we have integration strategy for multiple Net+ services.   That individual will be a focal point for software development project and partnering with Ken who will serve as the identity evangelist and architect so we can work to influence the major like (privacy and access) with federal and and state governments and commercial providers.

Finding sponsors for Community Commercial Identity Event will likely push this into March. I would like suggestions from the group for commercial sponsors and presenters and I will be talking to John K and Ana (in membership services) about how we will resource the event.

So immediate actions:

1) Hire resource for the documentation work. I will be working with John K and Ken to discuss that
2) Plan for Identity Event: Shel will work with Ana and John to discuss timing and schedule
3) Sponsors and participants. Each person on this mail list should suggest participants and sponsors. Please list them here: https://internet2.box.com/s/oiuow3e4qtuc7gz6910z

Shel

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On Nov 27, 2012, at 3:16 PM, Tom Barton wrote:

Shel,

Thanks for taking these steps. It shows the same perspective and appreciation of need that has motivated many of us to help these identity activities along. We probably also have some of the same questions about how we'll all work on these common interests, so this seems a good time to ask a few - of you, and of TAC members as well.

An outcome from the Philly meeting was a request prepared for the November I2 board meeting to fund development of an identity strategy for Internet2. How do the 4 items you outlined relate to that?

In item #2, about joining CIFER, does that refer to Internet2 joining CIFER? Have you formed some ideas of the roles that CIFER, InCommon, Kuali, Internet2, commercial partners, and identity leaders from the community each should have in producing identity solutions for R&E?

The "Community Commercial Identity Event" sounds like fun. Feb is coming up fast - should we get a small group together real soon to program it? Do you have anyone in particular in mind from the commercial side?

As one who wears many hats, I expect you'll really identify with my last question: when you address InC-TAC, on the list or in a f2f meeting, are you addressing the InCommon TAC per se, or its individual members in their capacity as community identity leaders?

Thanks,
Tom
On behalf of the TAC members

On 11/21/2012 4:57 PM, Shel Waggener wrote:
Colleagues,
I first want to extend my thanks to each of you that have worked so hard for our community to support Identity.   InCommon (and Shibboleth) are two of the leading efforts in higher education identity, not just within the US, but Internationally.   During my time at Berkeley, I stayed close to internet2's identity efforts and thought I had a good grasp on what was happening in our community in IAM. During my short time at Internet2 I was surprised to I was surprised to find just how much broader (domestically and internationally) the many identity efforts went, and how much of it has been held together by such a passionate group of participants with relatively little focused resource support.   To that end I was very appreciative of receiving your request for a planning grant to bring together a more detailed planning activity on the technologies that support InCommon. I have also been in discussions with other groups and activities outside of our direct responsibility and have found that in addition to our immediate responsibilities, there are so many identity projects going on right now that overlap and intersect with each other, I think our challenge is larger in breath but at the same time more manageable in how to approach it.

A partial list of projects that intersect, overlap, or influence identity in higher education include:
-       CAS supported through JASIG
-       OpenREG supported through JASIG
-       Shibboleth supported through Internet2
-       Shibboleth supported through Shibboleth Consortium
-       Grouper supported through Internet2
-       CoManage supported through Internet2
-       Kuali Rice "KIM" supported through Kuali Rice and Kuali Foundation
-       InCommon Federation operation through Internet2
-       Global Federations (various nations)
-       REFEDS – Interfederation project supported through TERENA
-       Project MoonShot – Supported through JANET/JISC
-       NSTIC – Privacy in identity supported through Internet2
-       CPR Registration – Supported by Penn State
Not also that there are several Kuali projects that are will be particularly important but independent of the above:
-       Kuali Rice "KEW" supported through Kuali Rice and Kuali Foundation
-       Kuali Rice "KRMS" supported through Kuali Rice and Kuali Foundation

So where does all this above lead us and the proposal that you have put together?

I propose there are three immediate challenges for us to undertake that are less based on adding resources and more on clarity of what we have already committed to. I believe that will then help us achieve greater impact on the resources we do apply (leverage) and identity more clearly for investors what the impact of additional resources will be.

1) Have a clear roadmap documented for next 18 months of deliverables for:
     - Shibboleth
     - Grouper
     - CoManage
     -InCommon Assurance
To achieve this item, I recommend purchasing 150-200 hours of a technical writers time to take all existing documents, work with the teams, and produce an online document that standardizes the accounting and presentation of the information.

2) Join CIFER and participate in a common roadmap across multiple products.
Please see the attached prospectus that outlines Project CIFER. There are some areas that are being updated.

3) Host a "Community Commercial Identity Event" a 2 day meeting in the Silicon Valley
The objective here, as proposed in your document, is to host a two day meeting with not just Shibboleth folks but with invited identity leaders from around our community. We would probably hold it as a two day event at the new Emeryville Internet2 office, and have one day with identity companies (public /private/venture funded) then have one day with just our community.   Plan is to hold the meeting in late February. I am going to work to have it underwritten by the VC firms for the cost of the meeting and see what we can do to get the room rate way down.

4) The Shib Consortium
Shibboleth Consortium has been a challenge to really get going with traction, not because the parties didn't want to work together but because much of the priorities and funding associated with the effort were not clearly tied to deliverables which resulted in some confusion in the community about what the resources were "buying".   Given the long history of investment in Shib, there shouldn't have been a question about Internet2's support but through the various changes in leadership and the many players, it got off track. I am happy to say the Consortium Board has reengaged with full participation from SWITCH, JISC, and Internet2 and we have an updated version of the consortium charter that we will be distributing after the break.

So Bottom Line: I will cover the funding for item #1, be involved in planning for #2, generate the funding for #3 and keep you posted on the progress of #4.

My sincere wishes for a happy thanksgiving to all of you.

Regards,
Shel