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4. Fourth is a glossary of terms. If you have a minute to look through it and would like to make suggestions, that would be great!

If anyone has any questions that they would like to ask Ann or Tracy off-line about the project, please do not hesitate to ask?

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Best regards,

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InCommon eduGAIN Policy and Community Working Group  
Weekly meeting minutes for August 27, 2014 conference call

### Members Present

Bill Yock  
John Kreinke  
Donald Beck  
Chris Holmes  
Theresa Semmens

### Guest

Dean Woodbeck  
Member Regrets

Ann West  
Craig Jackson  
Von West

Warren Anderson

### Members Not Present

Susan Blair  
Steven Carmody

John Kreinke delivered a presentation on "Introduction: The First Try," that provided a high level overview on InCommon federation policy and basic principles based on specific principles such as trust. The PowerPoint presentation will be posted on wiki. A good discussion followed.

Tracy Mitrano started discussion the charter and brought forth the mission statement for discussion

Discussion of next week's homework took place. Next meeting is September 4

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