Federation 2.0 Working Group Meeting Notes

Fed2 WG Google folder: https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1vr728JXAFVH3agjnbeV9NLjB_OKHdET?usp=sharing

Meeting https://internet2.zoom.us/j/8853848902?pwd=ZzNtZS80QUcrVkF6V3lWTXE2VFdBdz09

time: https://www.timeanddate.com/worldclock/fixedtime.html?msg=REFEDS+Federation+2.0+Conference+Call+%28every+two+weeks%29&iso=20190626T11&p1=179&ah=1

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Wednesday, Oct 28, 2020

Attending: Judith B (although may be called away), David W, Tom B, Alan B, Raja, Craig L,

Regrets:

Agenda:

1. Depending on availability:
   - Dedra’s drafting
   - Alan’s alignment
   - Laura’s recommendation & actions
   - Judith’s review of early comments
     https://docs.google.com/document/d/1hFFS0XJ9DH4DY2VLqxKMzKjZXFxlDySk-YjB5YSg_Xc/edit

2. Next steps

WG members discussed Judith’s comments (link above), with the overall conclusion that her review of survey answers validated the selection of “messages” or categories that emerged from our stone soup exercise. Recall that these categories are found in the Summary of the Stones section of the draft report.

Members also discussed Alan’s review (link in the agenda above) of the Stones themselves against the categories in Summary of the Stones, noting for each Stone which, if any, of the categories it aligned with. This served as a sort of data-based check on the categories we
earlier arrived at by more of a “gut check” process. The overall conclusion of this exercise again confirmed the set of categories in the Summary of the Stones.

It was observed that these categories, and the Stones themselves, are overall rather negative, ie, address things that aren’t happening in Academic Interfederation but should, and that what is happening that should continue perhaps should also be reflected in the report. One way we might address this is to review the Actions for each category (which needs to be done anyway) and see if some “keep doing this” types of Actions should be added.

Craig noted federation activity happening in parts of the US Federal government and wondered whether our eventual report might be of value to them, or probably more substantially, whether experience learned by R&E orgs in operating federated identity systems might be of value there, and whether “we” might see this as a useful partnership to engage in.

Unfortunately, the group ran into a technical problem with sharing Alan’s gsheet: some could open it and others could not, despite its link sharing being set to anyone in the world can edit, like most other Fed2 docs. Subsequent investigation indicated that Alan’s employer may have made an administrative change to their google instance that produced this effect. Tom made a copy of Alan’s gsheet which does not have this issue. The copy is what is linked (now) in the agenda above.