Thursday, April 28, 2022


Regrets:

Agenda:

1. Discuss how the WG should proceed given the Steering Committee’s lack of consensus on accepting our report.
2. AOB

[AI] Judith & Tom will ask Heather & Nicole for any further clarification of the specific concerns that kept SC members from reaching consensus. Also, say that yes, we’ll do a slot at the next REFEDS meeting and ask about how long it will be. Also ask whether/how the report should be circulated to meeting attendees in advance, so that they might have a chance to read it before discussing it.

Is REFEDS uneasy about the prospect of stepping into the bigger shoes that the report describes? Or sensitive about an implied criticism?

Judith, who’s been reporting on our progress to InCommon’s TAC, believes that that technically-oriented group may be ready for a report like ours. She will bring their response to the revised report back to the WG, in case that helps inform our thoughts about how to proceed.

Laura likewise has socialized the revised report with InCommon Steering, and Kevin M has circulated it to them. Discussion of it is on their future agenda.

eduGAIN Futures WG is taking up important improvements, especially in response to Baseline Expectations, that can be seen as steps towards implementation of the recommendations in the report.

The report does indeed express actual views of members of the community that the WG gathered, as noted in the report.
It’s important to the future of A-I to bring REFEDS along. Let’s try to use the opportunity that Heather offered to speak about it at the REFEDS meeting in Trieste.

A possible path forward: do another Consultation, but in a way that helps establish the group in one of the First Steps, or otherwise helps move things forward.

Use the time at the REFEDS meeting to do a reset - the WG was overtaken by events since its chartering, with changes like Baseline Expectations, eduGAIN Futures, browser futures. Aren’t we all already going down the road envisioned by the report? Get people to acknowledge that we need better shared governance.

In order to have a well-founded discussion at the REFEDS meeting, won’t attendees need to read the revised report (post-Consultation version)? Raise with Nicole and Heather about whether/how to do so, since that’s a form of public release of the doc.

At the REFEDS meeting, we can also talk about the need for established engagement and governance, rather than relying on a few key well-connected individuals, like Heather.

Should we send an individual copy of the current report to each person that left a comment in the Consultation and ask whether they think we addressed their concern? Yes. [AI] Tom & Judith do so.

[AI] Dedra & Alan: construct an agenda for the discussion at REFEDS in Trieste.

Should we ask those who stopped attending about their motivations? Might the Recommendations be seen by some as swimming outside of the WG’s lane (by proposing components of strategic plans, especially REFEDS’)?

Will anyone attend the Trieste meeting? Dedra and Alan might.

Tom and Judith will schedule the next WG after we’ve heard back from Heather & Nicole and have any new info to consider. It will be scheduled on a “normal Wednesday”.