



## Minutes of Shibboleth Consortium Board Meeting #92

13<sup>th</sup> October 2021 – Videoconference

### Attendees

Name	Organisation	Country
Scott Cantor (SC)	Developer Representative	United States
Manne Miettinen (MM)	NORDUnet	Finland
Peter Atkins (PA)	Jisc	United Kingdom
Davide Vagheti (DV)	GARR – Member Representative	Italy
Kevin Morooney (KM)	Internet2	United States
Steve Zoppi (SZ)	Internet2	United States
Emily Brown (EB) <i>Secretary</i>	Jisc	United Kingdom
Alex Stuart (AS)	Jisc	United Kingdom

### Apologies

Wolfgang Pempe (WP)	DFN – Member Representative	Germany
Rhys Smith (RS)	Jisc	United Kingdom
Joe Steele	Jisc	United Kingdom

Minutes of the previous meeting on 8<sup>th</sup> September 2021 were approved.

### 1. Actions

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88.1	Acquire the support of the Marketing and Comms team to draft a press release for the certification of the OIDC plugin to the Shibboleth IdP.	Kevin	July 2021	Ongoing - It would be worth including Henri in the drafting of the press release, at least for a quote on the work he carried out.  Kevin is currently on holiday until August and therefore will receive an update in due course.
88.2	Prepare and circulate a plan for the migration of content and support channels from Atlassian on-premise to cloud solution.	Scott	August 2021	<b>Closed.</b>

## 2. Financial and membership updates

During the call Emily reported that payments were due from several members. A report provided by Jisc Credit Control shows that we are still awaiting payment from: The University of British Columbia & University of Chicago from December 2020 as well as Cincinnati Children's Hospital medical Centre, University of Wisconsin - Madison & Internet2.

Invoices are currently out with: Los Rios Community College District, Cincinnati Children's Hospital medical Centre, University of Wisconsin - Madison, Internet2 , Jisc , University of Washington, Cornell University, AConet, Marist College, CANARIE, Aktia Bank PLC ,University of Oxford, Ohio State University

Renewal requests are out with everyone up to December: Belnet, Heanet, Ligo Scientific Collaboration ,DAASI International, Deakin University, Ohio State University, Johns Hopkins University, Southern Methodist University, GARR, NORDUnet, KU Leuven University, Sheridan College, RENATER & Stanford University.

After chasing the University of Chicago, they have confirmed that they will not be continuing with their Shibboleth Consortium Membership.

Interest: We have received interest for the University of Maine. I believe Justin was in conversation with them before he left Jisc. This looks hopeful.

## 3. Development update

Scott's update:

<https://shibboleth.atlassian.net/wiki/spaces/DEV/blog/2021/10/12/2842951701/October+2021+Update>

This month is just a short update on current work in progress noted during the previous updates. As of yesterday, the remaining self-hosted core project infrastructure has been migrated off of CentOS and on to a Rocky Linux server. We'll be watching for problems but so far, so good. This relieves some immediate time pressure in terms of sunseting tools but documenting everything remains an ongoing task for the rest of this year. Work continues to modernize the Jenkins and Nexus deployments but they're generally pretty hands-off anyway.

Development is ramping back up on OIDC and OAuth enhancements the rest of this year with a decent number of requested features already identified.

As expected, Java 17 has been added as a supported platform for the current IdP releases and the next step is get Jetty 10 better documented as an option so people can begin to move to those in preparation for future upgrades.

With Internet2 CAMP and ACAMP in the rear-view mirror and the server move done, I will get serious about the SP 3.3 work the rest of this month and hopefully be on track to ship something in late November so as to be able to spend some time over the holiday window getting back to SP 4.0 prototyping.

#### **4. Discussion of Development Roadmap and sustainability of Development team**

**The below remains the same regarding the roadmap. Nothing has shifted as of yet and will be reviewed as of when.**

The development [project roadmap](#) has been updated, showing clearly what work is ongoing, committed, planned, under discussion and parked. This was included in Scott's monthly update so members and watchers of the project can see. Time will tell if there is input from the community on the roadmap and any requests to add or attend to particular items.

When the skills matrix is collated, this will help enable the Board to see where skills are required and a plan can then be made as to how best to acquire them. This could be through offering financial incentives whereby the Consortium pays for effort from its membership; off-setting membership fees; or approaching agencies who specialise in finding/providing development effort. In any case, expenditure will need to be weighed against the benefits of gaining extra effort vs the overall balance and financial health of the Consortium.

Scott noted that a larger Dev team than we currently have would need PM effort too, which would incur extra cost. He also noted that the safeguarding of skills currently held by team members who may retire or leave the project is more important than expanding the team.

Justin noted that with some uncertainty about budgets and membership renewals, it would be worth waiting another 3 months or so before considering any significant expenditure.

Regarding the above, Emily noted that the board had a discussion regarding an identity management portal for future development as well as a project manager to ease the growing workload and to aid future developments/ direction. The Consortium are in the financial position for this to happen. The board agreed that this should happen sooner rather than later.

Scott noted that the team are making sure the documentation regarding infrastructure/ onboarding/ are up to date and that he will continue to document this process.

#### **5. AOB**

Emily reported that Joe Steele will be on leave for the foreseeable future.

Emily reported that Karolo updated the website, adding a new section for the Consortium Board Minute meetings.

Please see the blow link:

<https://www.shibboleth.net/about-us/consortium-board-meetings/>

The board had a discussion surrounding the possibility of a survey to draw upon data that points us in a future direction and to gather the thoughts of the community in respect of progression and development in the current climate. The audience for the survey will include current customers as well as those who may be misinformed and those who have veered away over time. The purpose of the survey would be to create an aligned position and guidance for the community, together with the discussion of the current position/importance of Shibboleth in different countries and how we can use this to promote this further on an international scale. The board will use the next meeting to brainstorm and created a roadmap for the future development of this idea. This can be added as an action point once an official decision has been made and clear direction has been agreed upon.

## **6. Next Meetings**

Wednesday 10th November

Wednesday 8th December