

ASC Meeting
Wednesday, August 24, 2006
1:00 PM Eastern

Participants: Cliff Lynch, Laurie Burns, Alan Whitney, David Lassner, Alan Blatecky, Ann Doyle, Laurie Burns, Terri Saarinen - scribe

Review of Agenda

Board Update
Update from ASC Members
Update/Discussion on Ongoing ASC Agenda for Action
Updates from Internet2 staff
Internet2 Governance

Board Update - Board has been pretty quiet. There has been some discussion about how to co-exist with NLR. There are still voices in both organizations saying it would be good to pull both together, no active merge discussion, but the relations between the two organizations. Internet2 is a member of NLR. Other issue is the governance aspect of the governance and nomination committee. Group headed by Jeff Lehman and Diana Natacilio charged with governance recommendation and populating.

Comments from members about cool stuff:

Cliff - wants ASC to be aware the NMI folks have put out new authentication roadmap for comment. It looks pretty interesting. And it continues to show up as an issue. He hears more and more attention given to the virtual organization.

Alan - meeting at Snowmass. He was presently surprised of the commonalities coming out, and resulting short term deliverables. Issues campuses face and how we look at campus cyberinfrastructure in a common way. Cliff found common focus on facilities interesting. This hasn't come out in other forums. Facilities = power and space. Cliff also noted some discussion about folks thinking about storage farms, replication, and redundancy. Repositories are surfaces on top. Cliff thinks interesting question - repository surfaces have been tentative about what they expect from underlying storage systems.

David - suggested the ASC laying low for now and let things mature a bit while we figure out ASC and Internet2's role. The CETF report out there, but not in play. RTC piece is not getting much play in other activity areas. Cliff, picking up on some comments about meeting in Snowmass, suggested the ASC may want to think about where storage architecture fits and may want to move that issue up a bit. Internet2 has explored network based storage over the years, but ASC may want to revisit in a broader sense. Timely, since storage is taking away from scientists work.

Alan W. - added that, as large amounts of data are moved and we look at distributed correlation, other disciplines could also benefit.

Laurie -- related -- also out there is the ASLS report on cyberinfrastructure for humanities. This is an interesting report.

David, coming back, is there an ASC or Internet2 role in this? The ASC needs to pay attention, and coming back to core principles, Internet2 needs to make sure it is the

enabling network infrastructure. It is great that other groups are taking the lead. We should look at the network pieces.

Laurie - It may be some of this turns on how ASC is reconfigured in new governance structure. Focus for ASC may be changed. The more immediate task may be to keep tracking other efforts converging on common themes. This may be a good role for Interent2 to tackle.

Cliff agrees this area needs closer tracking. There is some need for something to immerge here. No obvious clear home.

Laurie asked about teragrid and issues around common data. Ann Doyle (with Jill and Scott Lathrup) - track session or BOF. Teragrid is infrastructure and ability to share to others includes storage.

David said RTC group is plugging along actively with their meetings. Others have slowed down a bit for the summer.

Governance Chat

There was active discussion around effort to focus on governance. Perhaps we should separate the two notions of representing the membership and the functional aspirations and look at those separately for a moment. Right now have NPPAC - the CIO council, the Board -- the President's council, --the ASC - the researchers, and NRLC- network researchers. Who makes sound decisions? Who has to be at the table to move network research agenda? Do we separate out traditional organizational governance, and research agendas and overlap them to find value? What people need to be around the table to advance research or networking agendas? There are hopes those looking at governances take this into careful account. Question was asked if we should revisit ASC charter, function purpose. We want to have good interaction and understanding with governance. David agrees. Perception is that the governance needs work - either tweaking or major overhaul. Laurie was starting to tweak, but got derailed by merger, and now is major overhaul. Laurie thinks motivation for governance revolves around the composition of the board itself. More constituencies than university presidents. There is openness to look at the councils. More transparency to members as a whole is needed.

Next ASC meeting is Sept. 27th.