

Resolution: NPPAC Support for Middleware Initiatives

Whereas: Internet2 has served as the focal point for organization of a number of technical development efforts necessary to assure advanced networking applications have access to advanced middleware services, and

Whereas: These efforts have involved substantial investment of time and effort by both Internet2 staff and the technical staff of Internet2 member institutions, and

Whereas: These efforts have spanned across critical areas such as: authentication and authorization, security, and end-to-end performance, and

Whereas: This work has been among the most notable accomplishments of the partnership between Internet2 and the higher education and research community, and

Whereas: It is important that this work continue with broad community participation, and

Whereas: It is important for the technical staff who have invested their creativity and time to feel assured that their efforts are valued and will continue to be supported by the community.

NOW, THEREFORE, it is hereby resolved that NPPAC wishes to formally state its current and ongoing support for the Middleware activities that Internet2 sponsors, as being among the most important community-based efforts with lasting value for higher education and encourages the Internet2 leadership and membership to continue to support and encourage the work of the community members who have contributed to these efforts. Further we recommend that continued support for these efforts be a priority for the leadership the new, merged organization and until such merger occurs that the leadership of both Internet and NLR continue to support the work of community members assigned to these projects.