

Commonwealth Information Security Council Meeting
February 25, 2009
9:00 - 11:00 a.m.
Commonwealth Enterprise Solutions Center
Summary

COV IS Council members attending:

Marie Greenberg (SCC)

Robert Jenkins (DJJ)

Steve Werby (VCU)

Peggy Ward (VITA ex-officio)

David Hines (SCV)*

Shirley Payne (UVA)*

Goran Gustavsson (APA)

Michael McDaniel (VRS)

John Willinger (DMHMRSAS)

John Green (VITA ex-officio)

Aaron Mathes (OAG)*

Todd Richardson (DMME)*

COV IS Council members absent:

Sandra Graham (Chesterfield Cty)

*** attending via teleconference:**

Also attending: Cherrey Wallace (DOC), Nakita Albritton (VITA); Benny Ambler (VITA); Andy Holburt (NG); John Kissel (VITA); Bill Ross (NG); Eric Taylor (NG); Michael Watson (VITA)

Introduction of New IS Council Members – Peggy Ward, VITA

Peggy Ward introduced Todd Richardson, Chief Technology Officer with the Department of Mines, Minerals and Energy along with Sandra Graham, Director of the Information Security Program for Chesterfield County as the newest members of IS Council. Bios for all IS Council members are found on the VITA IS Council website.

BlueCoat – Cherrey Wallace, DOC

Cherrey explained that DOC would like to have the ability to unblock sites for specific users when it is a time sensitive situation. She reasons that there are times when it is imperative to be able to manage BlueCoat settings immediately, and the current transformation arrangement does not support the requirement of time sensitivity. Rather, DOC will have to submit a ticket to VCCC to request BlueCoat setting modifications. The time involved in the VCCC ticket turn around would be too lengthy. After a brief discussion including Bill Ross and Andy Holburt, a solution was proposed. Since DOC's rapid BlueCoat setting modification requirement is supported by a justifiable business case, it was proposed that the service offering to DOC be adjusted to fit their specific needs. Peggy asked when Cherrey could expect the agreement. Bill Ross promised the document of agreement to Cherrey by mid next week.

Collaboration Portal Status – John Kissel, VITA

John said the Collaboration Portal is nearing completion however, the Portal is in need of 80 hours of customization. John asked if the IS Council would like NG to do the customization for a cost or use VITA's SharePoint Administrators to complete the changes. Marie asked what customizations are needed and if it is possible for Council members to see the Portal documents since it has been such a long process. John said he would get the documents on the Portal, including the requirements and issues to Peggy by this afternoon.

CyberCIEGE Cyber Game – Marie Greenberg, SCC and Nakita Albritton, VITA

Marie introduced the interactive video game CyberCIEGE which was created by U.S. Government employees at The Center for Information Systems Security Studies and Research (CISR) at the Naval Postgraduate School (NPS) and Rivermind, Inc. In the CyberCIEGE virtual world, users spend virtual money to operate and defend their networks, and can watch the consequences of their choices, while under attack. Marie explained that this is not a user level game; rather, it is geared towards IT personnel. CyberCIEGE is available for unlimited use by the US Government and a no cost education license is available for educational institutions.

Marie suggested that CyberCIEGE be presented at the Security Conference scheduled for October. Peggy asked if CyberCIEGE could be added to the DHRM Knowledge Center (KC) and made available to many users. Nakita will research the possibility of having CyberCIEGE added to the KC. Marie will email the CyberCIEGE web link to all IS Council members for review and comments.

Virginia Security Summit Update – Peggy Ward, VITA

Peggy outlined the draft plans for the upcoming Security Summit to be held on April 27th at Richmond Marriott. Lem Stewart will be providing opening remarks with Johnny Long, Hacker and Sol Bermann, WalMart Privacy Director as keynote speakers. John Green will be moderating the afternoon break-out session on Security Incident Response.

IREC

Peggy announced that the votes from the Information Security persons were 2 to 1 in favor of renewing IREC membership. She also stated that the one-year membership renewal has been paid in full. Peggy asked Council members to alert her to any user comments or difficulties using this membership.

FACTA

Goran explained that the Red Flag law goes into effect on May 1st. All agencies must comply if they extend credit. Goran invited Council members to visit the FTC website for more information. John asked if there would be a broader announcement made. Goran said a letter to Agency heads should be expected in the next month. Shirley added that it should be kept in mind that programs concerning Red Flag law will need to be approved by agency boards or agency heads and it is sometimes difficult get the item on the agenda before May 1st.

Partnership Identity and Access Management – Bill Ross, NG

Bill explained that NG is performing an analysis of any gaps that exist between the current operational models and the requirements of SEC501. Eric Taylor is capturing all the different processes in every component and has developed a baseline dataset for analysis. Eric explained that the draft will show gaps where NG will need to recommend changes and align with best practices while being specific to the contract. Peggy asked that once the draft is complete that Bill and Eric share the document with the IS Council. Following this, there was some discussion whether the Council or IAM committee should receive the document. Marie, with the general agreement of the Council called for the document to be shared with the broader Council.

Information Security Policy, Standards & Guidelines – Benny Ambler, VITA

Benny explained that two guidelines have recently been developed. The Information Technology (IT) Facilities Security Guideline has been posted to ORCA on January 8th for 30 days. There were 110 comments (63 were on content, 46 on grammar and 1 test). The IT Assets Management

Guideline was posted on ORCA January 30th for 30 days to receive comments. There have been 13 comments (2 content, 10 grammar and 1 test). Benny stated that VITA is targeting March 31st for completion of the guidelines.

Encrypting Data in Transit – John Willinger, DMHMRSAS

John said that many emails were exchanged regarding the encryption of data in transit and all agree the standard needs to be changed. No decision was made on what to change the verbiage to. Peggy asked that the Encryption committee come up with suggested language and circulate to Council members for comment.

Committee Membership– Peggy Ward, VITA

Peggy asked all Council members to consider which committee they would like to be a member of. She explained that members should work with the topic for which they have the most passion. Peggy requested that the committee co-chairs present their committee reports and deliverables at the March ISOAG.

New Committee Report – Rob Jenkins, DJJ

Rob announced the new committee will be related to Risk Management; however, no title for the committee has been selected. The committee title and objectives will be established during the committee meeting immediately following the IS Council.

IS Council meeting was adjourned. The following agenda items were not addressed during this month's meeting due to lack of time.

Identity and Access Management Committee Report – John Willinger, DMHMRSAS

Encryption Committee Report – Michael McDaniel, VRS

Making IT Security an Executive Management Priority Committee Report – Shirley Payne, UVA

Other News – Peggy Ward, VITA