

## **April 17, 2023 OpenID Board Meeting Notes**

### **Present in Person:**

Gail Hodges  
Don Thibeuau  
John Bradley  
Nat Sakimura  
George Fletcher  
Marie Jordan  
Vittorio Bertocci  
Filip Verley  
Dima Postnikov  
Osamu Oshima  
Naveen CM  
Bjorn Hjelm  
Nancy Cam-Winget  
Dirk Balfanz  
Kristina Yasuda  
Pamela Dingle

### **Present on the Call:**

Kosuke Koiwai  
Naveen CM  
Osamu Oshima  
Takao Kojima

### **Absent:**

Wes Dunnington  
Elcio Calefi

### **Guests**

Mike Jones  
Mike Leszcz  
Tom Smedinghoff  
Elizabeth Garber  
Torsten Lodderstedt

### **1. New Microsoft Board Representative**

Michael Jones is no longer a Microsoft employee. Kristina Yasuda is Microsoft's new board representative, with Pamela Dingle remaining the alternate. Mike gave background on his change of situation and the need to choose and train a new Secretary.

### **2. Resolutions Regarding Michael Jones**

Mike Jones noted that we have consulted with OI DF Counsel, Tom Smedinghoff, who has advised that we need to identify a new Secretary as soon as possible. Tom suggested that the board confirm a new Secretary by the conclusion of the next board meeting on May 31, 2023 to ensure compliance.

Mike Jones shared that Nat Sakimura proposed a resolution at the recent EC meeting recognizing Mike as an OI DF Distinguished Engineer and appointing Mike as a Non-Executive Director (NED) for the remainder of the calendar year. Mike noted that there is precedence for a NED in Don Thibeuau and that the role would be a quarter time commitment with a Statement of Work detailing his deliverables including documenting the roles and responsibilities of the Secretary as well as mentoring the next generation of specification authors.

Nat Sakimura shared with the board that the EC met prior to the board meeting and decided to split the resolutions for Mike Jones contracted work and being appointed NED. John Bradley commented allowing Mike J to continue on the board and mentor the new Secretary is a separate consideration from the contractual engagement with Mike J with specific deliverables. John doesn't want to set a precedent of automatically hiring board members when they retire. John wants this to be time-boxed, for a transition period.

Gail thanked Mike Jones for his professionalism during this transition and his contributions over the years. Mike Jones said that quarter time employment would enable him to allocate specific time to OpenID Foundation work. At this point Mike Jones stepped out of the room to allow for an open board discussion.

#### 1<sup>st</sup> Resolution – Appoint Mike Jones as Non-Executive Director (NED)

Gail introduced the first resolution appointing Mike Jones as NED noting he has provided significant value to the Foundation and has unique institutional knowledge, technical expertise, and specific expertise needed to achieve many of the goals of the Foundation. The Foundation has previously appointed individuals as non-executive directors to assist and advise the board. If approved, Mike Jones would be NED effective immediately and rejoin the board meeting.

- Resolved:
  - The board appoints him to join the OpenID Foundation Board as a Non-Executive Director (NED) of the Foundation, and to regularly attend board meetings as a non-voting advisor and participant, for the remainder of the OpenID Foundation's fiscal year,
  - This resolution takes effect on Monday, April 17, 2023.
- John Bradley moved with Marie Jordan seconding. No one dissented. Nat noted that the motion carries.

#### 2<sup>nd</sup> Resolution – Appoint Mike Jones as Contractor

Gal introduced the second resolution noting the slide title is incorrect and that this resolution is to approve hiring Mike Jones as a contractor. Hiring Mike Jones will assist the Foundation's strategy, vision and mission to retain Mike Jones until the end of the calendar year for the purpose of maturing some key OIDF processes. Mike Jones will report to the Board on progress against his deliverables

The cost of the contract will be \$8125/month (\$65,000 total budget) and \$10,000 travel budget. The contract must be reviewed by OIDF Counsel.

- Resolved pending legal review:
  - The board authorizes Gail Hodges and the Executive Committee to review a set of deliverables from him as Non-Executive Director from time of contract signing to the end of the calendar year,
  - The EC will be authorized by the Board to take a decision on the final scope of work,
  - This resolution takes effect on Monday, April 17, 2023.
- John Bradley moved with Marie Jordan seconding. No one dissented. Nat noted that the motion carries.

#### Board comments:

- Treasurer Nancy Cam-Winget commented that current financial position is strong and we can take on the additional cost of Mike Jones' contract.
- Kristina Yasuda requested clarification on Mike Jones' role on the board as NED versus as contractor. John Bradley noted that the NED is an honorary position that allows Mike J to participate in board meetings (without a vote) and continue to assist the board. Nancy commented that the board wants to recognize Mike's contributions as well as ensure continuity in the Secretary. John requested the NED resolution should time box this role until the end of the year. John also commented that Mike will have the opportunity to run in the next board election of he chooses to do so.
- Kristina then asked for clarification on the Distinguished Engineer (DE) role. Don Thibeau commented that the Foundation has a unique opportunity to engage with Mike Jones to develop best practices for specification authors going forward. It's for this reason the Foundation should engage with Mike as NED and DE so that we can document Mike's institutional knowledge. It was noted in further discussion that there is no current criteria for the Distinguished Engineer role but the Foundation has an opportunity to define this going forward. Don offered to help draft this criteria.
- There was active discussion around the Distinguished Engineer title for Mark Haine and the Distinguished Engineer role for Mike Jones. It was noted that it's a title for Mark Haine under contract with the Foundation rather than an honorary recognition as is being considered for Mike Jones.

- There was a request to separate the Distinguished Engineer recognition from the contractor resolution for Mike Jones. A third resolution, “Recognition Program”, was developed in real-time to recognize Mike Jones as DE as well as develop criteria for recognition for more consistent approach and terminology for recognition and job titles going forward. Pam summarized that there are three considerations with respect to Mike Jones – appointment as NED, engagement via contract and awarding him the DE title. Vittorio recommended the board approve Mike Jones as DE for his contributions and willingness to mentor the next Secretary. Nancy supported the three resolution approach as did George Fletcher.

### 3<sup>rd</sup> Resolution -- Recognition Program

- Resolved:
  - Mike is named by the Board as a Distinguished Engineer
  - The Board will review criteria for recognition for more consistent approach and terminology for recognition and job titles ,
  - This resolution takes effect on Monday, April 17, 2023.
- John Bradley moved with Kosuke Kowai seconding. No one dissented. Nat noted that the motion carries.

### 3. GAIN Update

Elizabeth Garber and Torsten Lodderstedt updated us on GAIN deployment experiences. They federated three different federation islands: one by Authlete and KDDI, the Italian Federations, and the yes.com federation and it worked. Torsten said that they fed back what they learned to the Federation editors.

Nat asked when it would be time to bring business people and regulators into the conversations. Torsten said that it was time now.

Torsten said that an interoperability profile was needed between the islands, even though they all spoke OpenID Connect. The result was a negotiation. Even though they wanted to use what was there, in practice, achieving interoperation required some changes in deployments.

Torsten noted that a next step is looking into extending this with identity credential issuance capabilities. He noted that if they go with OID4VCI is natural is an extension of Connect and will help attract new participants to the POC. Dima commented a next step is proposing specific specifications and updates to those specifications to refine them. Additionally, attracting next POC participants is a goal. Torsten said that Federation is used under the hood, while leveraging existing deployments.

Kosuke commented that it has been show that the GAIN network has value but not sure moving straight to the VC world because the GAIN network currently works. If adding VC, it will be additional work as well as take more time for real businesses to join the POC to test the value for their business. Kosuke’s preference is to complete the current work to make confirm the GAIN networks value. Kosuke and Nat commented that the VC work can happen in parallel but the focus of the current work shouldn’t be lost.

Vittorio pointed out that new things were used in the GAIN POC deployments, including OpenID Connect Federation. He has no issue with new things being added but it is a bit of a departure from how the GAIN network was originally defined and articulated. Vittorio supports Kosuke’s recommendation for prioritization before tackling VC.

### 4. OIDC4VC Update

Torsten reviewed the status of the OpenID4VC work. It uses the Issuer/Wallet/Verifier model. A new specification enables presentation of credentials in proximity using Bluetooth Low Energy (BLE).

EU eIDAS v2 (ARF) has adopted the work. 18 wallets support OpenID4VCI and OpenID4VP. ISO MDL uses OpenID4VC. Gail reported that the California DMV was pleased that their technical choices were the same as those of the EU ARF.

A new goal is to facilitate offline presentation. They plan to create new Implementer’s Drafts for all the specs. They want to provide conformance tests for the core specs. They have two interop profiles – one for mDOC and one for SD-JWT.

Torsten said they want to move to GitHub as soon as possible because collaborators from other communities don't like Bitbucket.

\$60K each have been allocated for conformance tests for OpenID4VP and OpenID4VCI. The security analysis was funded by Verimi (Stuttgart University). OpenID4VP conformance testing is the first work planned. Kristina said that the Japanese government is willing to contribute some money towards this.

Torsten said that they want to have their own working group to make the work more visible. John and Mike pointed out that new working groups are approved by the specs council – not the board.

## **5. OpenID Foundation Specification Processes**

Gaps to close include documenting more of our processes, making it easier to publish specifications, and adherence to existing processes. We need to discuss the process requirement to have specs hosted under openid.net and whether to include "OpenID" in specification titles. There's a request to have Mike Jones and Mark Haine recommend actions. Nat said that there are some published drafts that are not marked "Draft". Mike said that we could hand-edit the HTML, if necessary.

## **6. New News**

- We were awarded ISO Publicly Available Specification (PAS) submitter status.
- We are responding to several NIST requests for comments.
- There's been progress on several whitepapers.
- The caep.dev site was created by SGNL.
- OIDF is a founding non-profit member of OWF.

## **7. Strategic Task Force**

We hired Mark Haine as Distinguished Engineer and has started effective April 1, 2023.

## **8. Budget**

Our renewals are running at over 100%. Certification revenues were budgeted at \$105,000 and have actually been \$308,000. We are at 90% of projected expenses. The current projected cash balance at the end of the year is \$1.1 million. Mike Leszcz noted that overall financial position is strong with no current expense concerns to report.

## **9. Certification**

We have 2,416 total certifications to date. Open Banking Brazil is mandating FAPI OP recertifications. Open Insurance Brazil has 88 OP certifications and 76 RP certifications and is currently discussing recertification requirements. Saudi Open Banking (SAMA) has 11 OP certifications and 8 RP certifications as part of their Phase 1.

## **10. Ecosystem Partner Expansion**

Mike Leszcz and Joseph Heenan are leading conversations expanding our FAPI ecosystems around the world, including Australia, Canada, U.S., FDX, UK, LATAM, and OECD.

## **11. Website Redesign**

Mike Jones and Vittorio reported that the website redesign is visually much better than what we currently have. The authors know that they need help updating some of the content. There's a website link for people to review: <https://openid.d-f.cc/>. Mike Leszcz will send email to board with current status, next steps and link for board feedback.

## **12. 2023 Kim Cameron Awards**

Four recipients were selected. IDPro has offered to give memberships to the awardees. EIC plans to incorporate the awardees into their Young Talents Program. We have more work to do getting a robust response. FIDO has also offered attendees the choice of Authenticate participation.

### **13. All Other Business**

- Mike Leszcz reminded the board that we need to find people willing to be the new Secretary. Gail and Mike L will be reaching out to board members to gauge their interest.
- We need to identify a host for the November pre-IIW OpenID Workshop. Mike Leszcz will follow-up with Bjorn Hjelm to see if Verizon is an option.
- Board reviews of several whitepapers are requested.
- Our next board meeting will be at Identiverse on Wednesday, May 31, 2023 at 6pm PT.