

NCIP Standing Committee

Monthly Conference Call

Thursday, June 18th, 2015 – 1:00pm EDT

Attendees:

Mike Dicus – Ex Libris (Chair)
Peter Collins – University of Pennsylvania Libraries
Nettie Lagace – NISO
Juli McWilliams – The Library Corporation
Rob Walsh – EnvisionWare

Regrets: Kelli Schoneck Benitez – The Library Corporation, Kevin Stewart – Relais International

Minutes

- I. Review/approve minutes from May 2015
 - a. Minutes approved.

- II. Implementer Updates
 - a. The Library Corporation - Implementation in Texas with OCLC is going on right now

- III. Informal gathering at ALA
 - a. Not too many people are attending.
 - b. Nettie will send out a ballot to see if there is any interest.

- IV. SSL for NCIP
 - a. Security has come up among many of the NISO topic committees. Has this committee ever considered this? NISO has undertaken a privacy initiative. There have been several virtual meetings already and there will be more to come, including a meeting following ALA to come up with some general principals to help direct vendors. In order to comply, some NISO standards may need to be updated. How well does NCIP ensure patron privacy? Should SSL be required to help promote privacy?
 - b. SSL is optional in the standard. Only OCLC and Innovative (?) require it. But is SSL the “right” security? What about HTTPS?
 - c. This has been discussed in the past. The relevant part of the NCIP protocol is Section 7a. Section 8 also talks about security and encourages security, but it is optional.
 - d. One interpretation is that security is outside the scope of the protocol as long as the protocol does accommodate it.
 - e. Maybe we could strengthen the “recommendation” but still keep the standard at the discretion of the library.
 - f. HTTPS is as secure as SSL or TLS. You still need a certificate, it just runs “under the covers” of HTTPS.

- g. No decision will be made today, but this group will need to review and respond to the principles that come out of the post-ALA meeting.
 - h. Requiring this may not be useful for implementations within an intranet or applications that do not use messages that contain patron data. The group on the call is leaning more towards a strong recommendation with the understanding that certain applications may not require it.
 - i. Nettie will keep the group updated on the NISO discussions

- V. Other Items for Discussion
 - a. Email that came in to the list (“NCIP implementation in the Czech Republic”). Has anyone followed up with this individual?

- VI. Next Meetings
 - a. Next call: July 16, 2015 @ 1:00 p.m. Eastern time
 - b. In-person Meeting: TBD