

# NSTIC Pre-Plenary Event 3/15

## Pre-Secretariat Stakeholder Governance Coordination

Synopsis
<p><b>Summary:</b></p> <p>The goal of this session was to identify the work and next steps leading up to the awarding of the Secretariat grant and convening of the Steering Group. The moderator introduced potential themes for discussion around the goals. The discussions focused on development of by-laws, a 3 year work plan and venues or groups that could convene to further the recommendations laid out in the Governance report.</p>

Discussion Points/Decisions		
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1.	If you have 3 months (the time expected until an award is made for an entity to formally convene a steering group), how would time be best spent? Moving ahead towards the goal or trying to perfect the work we have already completed? Looking for high impact efforts; responsibility in the hands of the stakeholders.	The participants expressed interest in hearing from NPO leadership on what is expected of this group.
		Group suggested a two-step process; create something in the interim, such as a management committee, to consider adjustments to the recommendations.
		Concerns of being “off” from the beginning. Potential objectives include: drafting bylaws and putting together a 3 year road map for the organization, mapping standards and policy, and conducting citizen outreach.
		For the last NOI, a dozen different stakeholder organizations sat down collectively to discuss. Their work showed consensus among different types of stakeholders to the NPO, and it was helpful to see people get together to sketch common themes.
		Based on the success of the last effort, discussion group participants agreed to once again work together to see if they can identify areas of common agreement for suggestions as to what the Steering Group should focus on initially. This includes development of a notional 3 year work plan for the IESG.
		Potential forums for further discussion include an MIT hosted webinar on NSTIC in about two weeks, and creation of an online discussion space at nstic.us. Participants agreed to continue the conversations outside of the workshop and invite others to participate.
		Standards groups can be challenging, but there is much to be learned from the discussions to help figure out what is workable. Sustainment is built on the value the steering group brings.
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