

# IoT Security Foundation Executive Steering Board Follow Up Notes and Actions From Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> June 2022, Virtual Meeting

## 0 Agenda

1. Engagement Stats
2. New Board Member Recommendation
3. Strategy and Operations Update
  - Chapters
  - Conference
  - Projects
  - Working Groups
  - Webinars
4. AOB and Next Meeting

### 0.1 Attendees

Stephen Pattison (SP), John Moor (JWM), Sarb Sembhi (SS), Richard Marshall (RM), Haydn Povey (HP), Tim Snape (TS)

### 0.2 Non-attendance for ESB meeting

Ben Azvine (BA), Ken Munro (KM), Nick Allott (NA), Carsten Maple (CM)

Notes to be read in conjunction with slides '46 ESB update Jun 2023.pdf' – available on basecamp: IoTSF ESB Communications > Docs & Files

## 1 Engagement Stats

See slides: Strong, sustained, international engagement through website visits and downloads.

- A discussion was had about the situation with IoXT and whether there was an opportunity to reach out to some of their scheme members and attract them towards IoTSF.
- ACTION: JWM to consider what action(s) may be taken to raise the profile of IoTSF with those involved with IoXT
- A discussion followed around regulation, and it was stated that '*regulation is starting to drive the market*' with the UK's PSTI Act and the Radio Equipment Directive (RED) being highlighted as areas where companies are looking at the timelines. This is an opportunity for IoTSF and the new Regulatory Working Group could become strategically significant for us if we develop and promote it well.
- Q: A question was asked whether there was any correlation between industry news and website activity.

- A: We do not currently do this however it may be possible in the future if it can be seen to be worth the effort involved.
- Q: It was asked whether there is any requirement for users of our self-cert scheme to notify IoTSF.
- A: There is no requirement to do this currently.

## 2 New Board Member Recommendation

Darron Antill (DA) was proposed and recommended as a new ESB member by JWM.

- Following a short discussion, attendant members unanimously agreed to the appointment.
- **ACTION:** JWM to notify DA and invite to next ESB meeting.

A further discussion was had about the diversity of the ESB and how we might develop.

- It was also noted that the success of our Chapters activity could influence this with geographical interests also represented.
- It was agreed we should further reflect on how to progress this – ensuring we get cognitive diversity with candidates of clear merit, representing organisations – both large and small - from the membership base.
- **ACTION:** Keep discussion on the agenda - roll forward.

## 3 IoTSF Updates

### 3.1 Chapters

See slides:

- 2 new chapters launched since the last meeting: Houston and Bangalore.
- More discussions are in play with emerging interest from USA, Australia, India and Dubai.

### 3.2 Conference

- See slides for notes
- ESB help and engagement were discussed. Content is developing.
  - BA is keynoting from BT
  - SP has arranged a keynote from ARM
  - TS panel moderator
  - SS session for CISO's / SBE
  - RM talk on RED
  - Aim is to maximise the relationship building whilst having a compelling/attractive agenda to get strong attendance.
- Main concern at this stage is meeting our financial goals as we made a loss in 2022 – the first time ever.
- **ACTION:** ESB members to continue helping with content and signposting the conference.

### 3.3 Projects

- See slides for notes
- Limited update as NA away on business.

- Discussion on whether we could benefit more from further publicly funded projects. The projects that we have had have been significant for us – funding resources whilst developing our outputs. Funding helps keep membership fees low too. More would be attractive.
- **ACTION:** Revisit projects and status next meeting.

### 3.4 Working Groups

- SS gave an update on the SBE WG
  - The forthcoming workshop will be in London after considering an offer to host by Birmingham City University. Interest remains however this workshop – re-establishing the WG – is best located where most people can get to.
  - **ACTION:** HP volunteered support for any follow on activity in the Birmingham area.
- SP gave an update on the newly forming ‘Regulatory Watch’ WG
  - The regulatory landscape is changing fast and is a good opportunity to engage a legal stakeholder group in addition to industry interests.
  - Several suggestions as to what sort of Briefings/Papers would be useful as outputs from the group.
  - **ACTION:** SP to convene a meeting before August.
- RM gave an update on the situation with RED (part of the Regulatory Watch activity)
  - A request came into IoTSF to participate in the development of the regulation and RM volunteered to lead.
  - There are lots of issues regarding scope, legal certainty, relationship with the CRA and timescales (to name a few).
  - RM has increased input – even chairing a few of the meetings.
  - **ACTION:** RM will provide a talk at the conference on this subject and give the latest status.

### 3.5 Webinars

- The monthly webinars are new for 2023. They are useful to reach a wide audience, provide member value and build relationships.
- SS made the point that we could revisit some of the publications we already have and provide updates.
- **ACTION:** ESB to feed ad-hoc suggestions on themes/topics/speakers into Chris Bennison as they occur – Chris can then consider them as part of the schedule.

## 4 AOB

We have been approached by IOT Solutions World (Barcelona) to be a more significant partner – helping with event building and content provision. The organiser's goal is stated as becoming ‘the mouth-piece of the industry’.

- ESB discussed the outline proposal (they also invited our suggestions).
- It was concluded that this is an exciting opportunity, but concerns were raised regarding our resources, available bandwidth, and impact on our own activities.
- Whilst we could locate our annual conference within the show, for now, we should keep it separate and focus on developing our Chapters’ activity independently.
- Although the business arrangements were mentioned, no discussion was had but would be of early consideration/agreement if we were to make progress.

- **Conclusion:** the timing is not quite right for us but we should continue the discussion and see if there are ways we might help without making a strong/firm commitment.

The next meeting will be physical in London: on Tuesday, Sept 26th

**ACTION:** JWM to confirm arrangements.

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