Meeting Minutes
Subcommittee on Public Affairs and Outreach
April 6, 2020
1:00 pm – 2:00 pm
Virtual Meeting

Attendance (4/5)
Subcommittee members participating: Sue Rogan (Chair), Dr. Anton Dahbura, Patrick Feehan, Dr. Jayfus Doswell
Staff participating: Dr. Greg von Lehmen (University of Maryland Global Campus, Staff to the Council)

Meeting Summary

1. The chair welcomed the members, asked for a roll call of the committee to confirm a quorum, and reviewed the agenda.
2. The minutes for the 27 March 2019 meeting of the subcommittee were unanimously approved after motions duly made.
3. The subcommittee then turned to the other business on the agenda:

Repository
Dr. von Lehmen updated the subcommittee on the repository. He noted that most of the resources in the repository have come from CHHS via the Subcommittee on Critical Infrastructure. To ensure that links stay current, and to add other materials, the collection is maintained by the cybersecurity bibliographic librarian at UMGC, which also hosts the repository and the Council's website.

The chair asked whether the members had any thoughts about the repository in its present form. Dr. Dahbura raised the question whether there were any analytics available on the site's use. He noted that the cybersecurity landscape has changed—there are many resources available online—and suggested that the subcommittee might consider how the repository fits into the current landscape. Does there need to be a change in direction?

Dr. Doswell agreed that the landscape is changing. He observed that schools might be a new consumer of cybersecurity information, given the transition of many schools to online education during the current circumstances. He pointed to the experience of his own educational services firm acting on CISA guidance about phishing attacks as he and his staff moved to a remote-work format. Mr. Feehan pointed to the explosion in IoT since the repository was launched and suggested that the repository might be evaluated against that development.

The members suggested that while the repository seemed well-managed, it might benefit from including students from other institutions within the State, such as Morgan State University, and Bowie State University, and Johns Hopkins University.

With a view to the present circumstances, the chair asked what the subcommittee could do right now. The members suggested a webinar on cybersecurity best practices relevant to consumers. Dr. Dahbura suggested a colleague (Mr. Joe Carrigan at Johns Hopkins University) who had testified the last legislative session for a bill consistent with a Council recommendation. In response to a question from the chair, Dr. von Lehmen volunteered to take the webinar outline and speaker's bio to OAG to see if approval would be granted to attach the subcommittee's endorsement to the webinar.

Next steps:

- The subcommittee asked Dr. von Lehmen to provide any statistics on repository use that might be available and to reach out to Council representatives of Morgan State University and Bowie State University to see if their students would be interested in interning with the Council to add resources to the repository.
- Dr. von Lehmen will send the webinar information to OAG once it is compiled with a request for review and possible approval to be offered as a Council subcommittee initiative.

Participating in the Outreach Program of the Cyber Center for Education and Innovation

Dr. von Lehmen provided background about CCEI and what it is doing on the Nepris platform. The members agreed that this would be a natural channel for them or other members of the Council to help with K12 pipeline building.

Other business
There being none, the chair asked for motions to adjourn. With motions duly received and seconded, the subcommittee adjourned at 2:00 pm.

[Note: These minutes were approved by the subcommittee at its meeting on February 9, 2021.]