



Meeting Minutes
Subcommittee on Public Affairs and Outreach
Thursday, June 23, 2022
1:00 pm – 2:00 pm
Virtual Meeting

Attendance (2/3)

Subcommittee members participating: Sue Rogan (Chair) and Dr. Anton Dahbura.

Staff participating: Howard Barr (Assistant Attorney General & Principal Counsel Office of the Attorney General, Department of Information Technology) and Dr. Greg von Lehmen (University of Maryland Global Campus, Staff to the Council)

Meeting Opening

1. The chair thanked subcommittee member, Dr. Dahbura, for joining the meeting and Mr. Barr for representing the Office of the Attorney General.
2. She asked Dr. von Lehmen for an update on subcommittee membership. He reminded that Mr. Letow had elected to move the Subcommittee on Economic Development. With that change, the Subcommittee on Public and Community Outreach has three members.
3. With a quorum present, she called for the minutes of the September 30, 2021, meeting, which were approved.
4. The subcommittee then turned to the other business on the agenda.

Updates

1. Dr. von Lehmen mentioned that the Subcommittee on Critical Infrastructure at the University of Maryland Center for Health and Homeland Security would have another set of resources to be added to the repository. Dr. Dahbura suggested that a Slack channel be considered as a supplementary way of informing the repository collection. Contributors could be invited, and the UMGC librarian who manages the collection could decide according to the repository's purpose whether to include material. The chair asked Dr. von Lehmen to explore this with the university library office.

Old Business

1. The benchmark survey of Maryland adults on level of understanding of cybersecurity.
 - a. The chair asked Dr. von Lehmen and Dr. Dahbura for an update on the survey. Dr. Von Lehmen mentioned that in addition to Dr. Dahbura's offer of \$2,500 on behalf of the Johns Hopkins Information Security Institute, the National Cryptologic Foundation had approved a grant of \$2,000 or so for the survey. Dr. Dahbura stated that the survey is in final form, has been approved by the university IRB, and will be administered on Mechanical Turk. The survey takes

about ten minutes to complete and will cost about \$4.20 for each survey. With the funds available, this cost should enable a significant sample.

Dr. von Lehmen asked about the demographics of those who respond to Mechanical Turk. Dr. Dahbura observed that it attracts a cross-section of the population. The chair suggested that the survey be publicized through as many alternative channels as possible.

Dr. Dahbura asked how the data should be analyzed. He indicated that he would be willing to engage his university colleagues who are involved in data analytics to see if they and their students would be interested in participating. He also raised the question of how the grant will come from the Foundation to support the project. Dr. von Lehmen indicated that he will discuss the analytics and the logistics concerning the grant payment with the Foundation for the subcommittee.

2. Webinars. The chair mentioned that the Office of the Attorney General had agreed to participate in two cybersecurity webinars. The first will be July 28, and the second will be in October. Mr. Joe Carrigan from the Johns Hopkins Security Institute will join the Attorney General in July and Mr. Markus Rauschecker from CHHS will do so in October. Both webinars will be hosted by the CASH Campaign of Maryland.

Other Business

1. The chair expressed an interest in adding members to the subcommittee. She will make an announcement at the next plenary meeting of the Council to invite any other members who might be interested.
2. The chair also suggested that the next meeting be scheduled in late August. She and Dr. Dahbura believed that there would be enough data from the survey to review and discuss.

Adjourn

The chair asked if there was any further business. There being none, the meeting was adjourned at 2:00 pm.

[Note: These minutes were approved at the May 19, 2023, meeting of the subcommittee.]