November 30, 2020

Annual General Meeting

The Kantara Annual General Meeting (AGM) is a yearly meeting of the general membership to highlight accomplishments to date and to review the plans for the coming year. This year over 30 members attended the call-in event where Kantara’s Executive Director, Collin Wallis, kicked off the meeting by giving an overview of Kantara’s mission, leadership team, organization structure and ever-expanding list of member organizations comprised of multiple business sectors and nations.

Several initiatives were highlighted including the Kantara Trust Framework, the Kantara User Managed Access specification for delegated authorization and the Kantara Consent Receipt, the world’s first digital receipt specification for personal data. Also, of note, the Kantara membership has ticked up in 2020 with increasing interest in Assessment, Assurance & grant of Trust Mark for the 800-63-3 Class of Approval in the Identity Assurance Framework. There has also been an increase in publications coming from the various working groups and we have seen the recent launch of the newly formed Privacy & Identity mDL Discuss Group.

Kantara is recognized around the world and continues to be called upon by various nations to provide comments on emerging identity Trust Frameworks, schemes and standards. In keeping with our global recognition, Kantara’s Board has completed a strategic review and resolved to align ever closer to ISO standards for conformance. Stay tuned for an “All-Member Ballot” coming out in the first half of 2021 reflecting proposed changes to our Bylaws/Policies to enable this ISO alignment.

Workgroup Updates

Each of the Kantara Working Groups provided updates around the work they have accomplished in 2020 and their plans for 2021. Further details can be found on slides 11 - 19 of the Kantara 2020 AGM Deck Final.
Kantara Exemplary Contributor Award

This year marks the inaugural Exemplary Contributor Award given to participants of Working and Discussion Groups whose “contributions and energy both inside and outside of Kantara in the past year exemplify Kantara’s ethics and ethos for the betterment of the international community it both serves and represents”.

Recipients for the award were:

- Noreen Whysel
- Richard G. Wilsher
- Catherine Schulten
- Oscar Santolalla
- Tom Jones

https://kantarainitiative.org/kantara-exemplary-contribution-award/

Kantara 2021 - 2025; The Road Ahead

President Matt Thompson framed the work that the Board undertook during the year covering Kantara’s Vision, Mission and Capabilities, complete with a set of 8 proposed key performance indicators that would enable Kantara to measure success over the coming years:

1. Market Growth from Trust & Compliance
2. Cross Recognition of Federations
3. Long Term Interoperability for Relying Parties
4. Communication of Trustworthy Services
5. Definition of an Excellent End User Experience
6. RFP Requirements Widely Available for Download
7. Making the Impact of the Ecosystem more Quantitative and Visible
8. Communicate the Quality & Impact of Kantara Certification
He also outlined 5 Board Priorities identified for consideration in the coming year.

1. Organizational Architecture: to create a highly functional, streamlined organization from the top down that delivers on the Kantara vision and mission
2. Value Proposition Refinement: define the types of stakeholders that would find value in Kantara membership / involvement and provide a membership structure that drives value to both the stakeholder and Kantara
3. Establish Standards Sponsorship Program
4. Define and Pursue RFP Support Offering
5. Evolve the Assurance Program: protect, grow and monetize

He emphasized Kantara’s international constituency and Board’s desire for members around the world to come forward with suggestions for new ideas and refinements. He explained that the role of the Board and the Staff is to help members’ reach their goals through Kantara and member involvement is needed to bring these goals to fruition.

The meeting concluded with general Q & A and open discussion between attendees.

Sincerely,

Colin Wallis
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Kantara Initiative Inc.