

UtiliSecWG – Teleconference

Meeting Minutes

Thursday, September 10, 2009

Attendees

Darren Highfill (SCE)-Chair	Eric Robinson (Itron)	Neil Greenfield (AEP)
Justin Searle (Inguardians)	Leena Manwani (GridNet)	Viola Lee (PG&E)
Kevin Brown (EnerNex)	Gary Finco (INL)	Brit Crawford (Eon US)
Steven Chasko (L+G)	Howard Lipson (CERT)	John Lilley (SDG&E)
Mark Freund (PG&E)	Sandy Bacik (Sensus)	David Chambers (CEC)
Brian Smith (EnerNex)	Dan Manson (Cal-Poly, Pomona)	Walt Sykor (Industrial Defender)
Julie Brown (Entergy)	Isaac Gansah (Cal State)	Louis Robinson (Constellation)

Documents

Meeting minutes.

Technical Discussion

Logistics for OpenSG Face-to-Face Meeting

The Chair opened the meeting covering the logistics for the upcoming face-to-face meeting of the OpenSG Subcommittee next month in Knoxville, TN. Based on feedback regarding the amount of overhead in the working group and plenary sessions, the structure of this meeting will be different from the past. The basic breakdown of the meeting will be:

- 10/19 (afternoon) - Open SG Introduction (including introduction to the various Working Groups)
- 10/20 (morning) - opening plenary session
- 10/20 (afternoon) thru 10/22 (morning)- Working Group sessions in parallel
- 10/22 (afternoon) - closing plenary session

UtiliSec WG meetings will be Wednesday afternoon and Thursday morning. The chair noted that we are getting requests from other working groups for coordination and some of this might possibly happen Wednesday afternoon.

The chair also noted that the OpenSG Subcommittee is still working on the details for the venue since attendance has grown considerable over the past year and capacity is a concern. The goal is to provide for dial-in capabilities for those not able to travel but this has not been finalized either.

Formation of New Task Forces

The chair next discussed the leadership team solicitation for formation of new task forces sent to the UtiliSec-Announce listserve on 09/09/2009. The goal is to have a utility/non-utility for chair and co-chair of each task force. Conformance and vulnerability disclosure were two specific areas discussed for potential new task forces.

The chair noted that it is not definite as to if there will be a certification task force within UtiliSec or if it would be part of another working group. This was being resolved at the OpenSG level. Sandy Bacik volunteered to partner up with a utility for the conformance task force.

The chair then raised a question to the group as to if a vulnerability disclosure task force would be warranted. There is a lot of activity on this front but none may be a perfect fit. We are still struggling as a community on how to handle this task. One question raised was if we wanted to be proactive on this and if so, how would we as a group undertake it? One comment noted was that whatever the vehicle, the database would have to be protected. Gary Finco of Idaho National Labs indicated that there is an effort under the NIST to help ICS-CERT (part of US-CERT) in this area for industrial control systems. There will apparently be some discussion of this in the upcoming EnergySec conference. The chair pointed out to the group that anything the WG does in this space would not be aimed at competing with any of the current mechanisms, and the task force goal would be the expression of utility centric requirements in this area.

Upcoming Meetings

Face-to-Face:

- October 20th-22nd hosted by EnerNex in Knoxville, TN (Intro to OpenSG on October 19th)
- January 19th-21st, 2010 hosted by FPL in Juno Beach, FL (Intro to OpenSG on January 18th)

Teleconferences

- Sep 24th at 2:00 PM EDT
- Oct 8th at 2:00 PM EDT