# OVAL Board Meeting (2/2/2015)

## Attendees

Blake Frantz – Center for Internet Security
Adam Montville – IETF SACM Working Group Liaison
William Munyan – Center for Internet Security
David Solin – jOVAL.org
Kim Watson – DHS
Rosario Gangemi – IBM Corporation

Matt Hansbury – MITRE
Danny Haynes – MITRE

## Meeting Summary

### Welcome

The Board members were welcomed to this second follow up conversation on the topic of an OVAL transition.  The purpose of this call is to further discuss the tasks and governance issues surrounding the upcoming transition of OVAL, along with exploring the idea of creating a new organization to take on the required tasks for OVAL's continued success.

### Discussion

Dan opened the call by quickly updating the group on the previous week's discussion, highlighting the fact that the call focused on the governance model comparison document and the transition task list, and closed with several actions for MITRE.

One of those actions was an email to the Board requesting participation in a working group that would take action to ensure a successful transition of OVAL moderation activities to an appropriate group.  As of this writing, the list of volunteers is Kent Landfield, David Solin, Blake Frantz, Adam Montville, and Rosario Gangemi.  MITRE will follow up with this email thread introducing the newly formed working group and further calling for additional volunteers.

Next, Dan discussed his findings in researching what it would take to stand up a new organization to take on the role of OVAL moderator.  In general, it seems that many of the activities are state specific, making a lot of the required tasks dependent on the chosen state for incorporation.  Dan further reported that regardless of the chosen state, it seems that the timeline for such an activity would likely be on the order of months.  For example, obtaining federal tax-exempt status could take 3-6 months. One member pointed out that while it might be 3-6 months to obtain federal tax-exempt status, it should be possible to start operating and taking on other activities before then.  Another member asked if the group has considered making use of an existing organization.  MITRE noted that was another option that is under consideration.

It was generally agreed that the newly formed working group should be responsible for pushing forward with the activities required to stand up any new organization or taking advantage of an existing organization.  This will initially entail research activities to help determine the best path forward, using email and phone conferences as needed.

Blake Frantz of CIS noted that his organization is considering the possibility of offering CIS as the non-profit organization to take on the OVAL moderator responsibilities.  He noted very clearly that this is something that they are considering, but, have not committed to anything at this point.  MITRE is going to follow up with a list of the tasks that are required to operate the project with rough level of effort estimates in order to help frame this conversation within CIS.

Finally, it was agreed that another follow up meeting was appropriate the week of 2/16.

## Actions

1. MITRE to send out follow up email to announce the new working group.
2. MITRE to provide a breakdown of the major tasks required to moderate the OVAL Project along with level of effort estimates.
3. MITRE to hold another follow on Board call on or around 2/16/2015.