



2012 Meeting of the President's National Security Telecommunications Advisory Committee

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The NSTAC coordinates with senior Government officials and representatives from various critical infrastructure sectors to develop recommendations for the President on national security and emergency preparedness (NS/EP) communications. These recommendations have produced tangible results that enhanced the Nation's security, including:

- The creation of multiple priority service programs;
- The establishment of information sharing forums, such as the Network Security Information Exchanges, the National Coordinating Center, and the National Cybersecurity and Communications Integration Center; and
- Changes to emergency response and Emergency Support Function #2 policies.

NSTAC recommendations have also played a critical role in the development of national policy documents, including the *Cyberspace Policy Review* and the *National Strategy for Trusted Identities in Cyberspace*.

The 2012 meeting of the President's National Security Telecommunications Advisory Committee (NSTAC) was held in Washington, D.C. on May 15, 2012. The day consisted of several opportunities for the NSTAC members to discuss current and future NSTAC work and receive feedback from senior Government stakeholders. The meeting focused on national and homeland security priorities, cybersecurity of the nation's energy infrastructure, as well as public-private collaboration activities that support commerce, cloud computing, and the nationwide public safety broadband network (NPSBN).

2012 NSTAC Meeting: Morning Session Activities

During the morning session of the 2012 NSTAC Meeting, the White House hosted the NSTAC members at the Eisenhower Executive Office Building. **James Crowe**, Level 3 Communications and NSTAC Chair, welcomed the members and officials. **Howard A. Schmidt**, Cybersecurity Coordinator and Special Assistant to the President, facilitated the remainder of the session. Members were also joined by Deputy Secretary **Jane Holl Lute**, Department of Homeland Security, (DHS) and **Heidi Avery**, Deputy Assistant to the President for Homeland Security and Deputy Homeland Security Advisor.

Following opening remarks, **Sean Kanuck**, Office of the Director of National Intelligence, presented a classified threat briefing on supply chain and cyber security issues.

Jacob Lew, White House Chief of Staff, also



James Crowe and **Mark Weatherford** listen as **Maggie Wilderotter** leads the cybersecurity collaboration panel discussion.



Ronald Hewitt, National Communications System, and **Ronnie Hawkins**, Defense Information Systems Agency discuss the morning's presentations.

met with the NSTAC members and thanked them for their dedication to advancing the Nation's security posture. NSTAC members **Mark McLaughlin**, Palo Alto Networks, and **Scott Charney**, Microsoft, provided Mr. Lew with an update on the NSTAC's cloud computing and NPSBN efforts highlighting their associated recommendations to the President.

Maggie Wilderotter, Frontier Communications and NSTAC Vice Chair, led a panel discussion on how collaboration and education can protect our cyber systems. NSTAC members **John Stankey**, AT&T; **Dick Costolo**, Twitter; **Kevin Johnson**, Juniper Networks; and **Lisa Hook**, Neustar, provided remarks as part of the session.

Open Session Stakeholder Feedback

Following the morning session, the members joined other industry members and Government officials at the Ronald Reagan Building and International Trade Center for the afternoon session. **James Crowe** and **Maggie Wilderotter** offered a warm welcome to all participants and senior Government stakeholders before turning to **Howard A. Schmidt**, who discussed the Administration's top cybersecurity goals and priorities as well as highlighted some of the Administration's accomplishments over the past year.



Howard A. Schmidt provides an update on the Administration's priorities.



Deputy Secretary Jane Holl Lute provides an update on recent DHS cybersecurity activities.

Jane Holl Lute also spoke, providing members with an update on her Department's cybersecurity activities. She specifically highlighted several of the international cybersecurity coordination activities in which the United States is involved.

Daniel Poneman, Deputy Secretary for the Department of Energy (DOE), discussed his Department's initiatives and challenges,

ranging from smart grid deployment to recent cybersecurity breaches impacting DOE's national laboratories. **Cameron Kerry**, General Counsel for Department of Commerce, also addressed members, stressing the economic impact of cybersecurity attacks. He discussed the importance of public-private partnerships in several of his Department's efforts in the cyber domain, including the activities of the Internet Policy Task Force.

Deliberation of NSTAC Activities

NSTAC members were provided an opportunity to deliberate and vote on two NSTAC efforts: cloud computing and the NPSBN. **Mark McLaughlin**, Cloud Computing Subcommittee Chair, gave members an overview of the subcommittee's charge, findings, and recommendations to the President. Following his remarks, the NSTAC unanimously voted to accept the

NSTAC Report to the President on Cloud Computing.

Scott Charney, NPSBN Co-Chair, briefed members on the NPSBN Scoping Subcommittee's activi-



Scott Charney discusses the NPSBN Scoping Report.

ties. He discussed the subcommittee's proposed two-phase approach to examine the resiliency, security, and interoperability of the NPSBN as well as potential NS/EP innovations. The members approved the *NPSBN Scoping Report*.

Feedback on NSTAC Activities and Presentation of Potential Taskings

Howard A. Schmidt told members that the Administration has fully implemented 10 of the 16 NSTAC recommendations contained in the 2011 *NSTAC Report to the President on Communications Resiliency*. He told members that the Administration intends to work with the NSTAC to determine a future course of action to implement the remaining six recommendations, including asking the NSTAC for additional details on two of them. **Mark Weatherford**, Deputy Under Secretary for Cybersecurity, DHS, thanked NSTAC members for their efforts and provided an update on the status of the Critical Infrastructure Warning Network.

NSTAC members were given an opportunity to discuss the Administration's proposed NSTAC tasking on secure Government communications. **Howard A. Schmidt** explained the importance of the tasking and the Government's proposed completion schedule.

The next NSTAC meeting will be held via conference call on August 16, 2012. Please contact NSTAC@HQ.DHS.GOV for additional details.