

# **2020 Annual Report**

## **Information Security and Privacy Advisory Board**

# **ISPAB**

## **National Institute of Standards and Technology**

## **U.S. Department of Commerce**

## **Preface**

The Information Security and Privacy Advisory Board (ISPAB or Board) was established in January 1988, pursuant to the Computer Security Act of 1987 (Public Law 100-235; 15 U.S.C. § 278g-4, as amended). The ISPAB is a Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA) committee, and it advises NIST, the Secretary of Homeland Security (DHS), and the Director of the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) on information security and privacy for federal government systems, including thorough review of proposed standards and guidelines developed by the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST). The Board's authority does not extend to private sector or federal systems which process classified information. For more information, such as an ISPAB overview, scope and objectives, list of events, and access to presentations, visit ISPAB's website at: <https://csrc.nist.gov/Projects/ispab>

NIST values the diverse and highly respected perspectives from the ISPAB members and the Board's sound advice on NIST and the Federal Government's strategic direction, programs, and operations.

This 2020 Annual Report covers the period from the beginning of October 2019 through September 2020 (Fiscal Year 2020).

## ISPAB Members During this Annual Report

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**Steven Lipner**, Chair (06/20-09/20)  
Executive Director  
SAFECode  
Term: 05/31/18 – 05/30/22

**Chris Boyer**, Chair (09/19-06/20)  
Assistant Vice President, Global Policy  
AT&T Services Inc.  
Term: 06/11/16 – 06/10/20

**Dr. Ana Anton**  
Professor  
Georgia Tech University  
Term: 11/04/15 – 11/03/19

**Dr. Brett Baker**  
Assistant Inspector General for Audit  
Nuclear Regulatory Commission  
Term: 03/15/2018 – 03/14/2022

**Akilesh Duvvur**  
Vice President Worldwide Cloud Platform  
Products & Offering, IBM  
Term: 01/31/2020 – 1/30/2024

**Mr. Brian Gattoni**  
Chief Technology Officer (CISA)  
Department of Homeland Security  
Term: 08/07/19 – 08/06/23

**Mr. Jeffrey Greene Esq.**  
Director, Gov. Affairs N. America &  
Senior Policy Counsel, Symantec  
Term: 10/27/15 – 10/26/19

**Mr. Marc Groman**  
Principal, Groman Consulting Group LLC  
& Adjunct Professor, Georgetown Law  
Term: 09/12/2017 – 09/11/2021

**Ms. Arabella Hallawell**  
Executive Vice President  
WhiteSource  
Term: 01/26/2020 – 01/25/2024

**Ms. Patricia Hatter**  
Director  
Qualys, Inc.  
Term: 08/11/16 – 08/10/20

**Mr. Douglas Maughan**  
Head of Office of Convergence Accelerators  
National Science Foundation  
Term: 08/07/19 – 08/06/23

**Ms. Janine Pederson**  
Chief of Hardware Solutions Division  
National Security Agency  
Term: 03/05/19 – 03/04/23

**Mr. Philip Venables**  
Chief Information Security Officer  
Google Cloud  
Term: 03/05/2020 – 03/04/2024

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### ISPAB Secretariat

**Mr. Matthew Scholl**  
Chief, Computer Security Division  
National Institute of Standards & Technology

### ISPAB Designated Federal Officer

**Mr. Jeff Brewer**  
Program Manager & Analyst  
National Institute of Standards & Technology

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## ISPAB Focus for Fiscal Year 2020

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Topic 1: Election Security, Threats, and Vulnerabilities, Quantum Information Systems,

Topic 2: Artificial Intelligence,

Topic 3: NIST Publications and Guidance,

Topic 4: Zero Trust

Topic 5: 5g

## **ISPAB Meeting Information for Fiscal Year 2020**

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### **1) Information Security and Privacy Advisory Board (ISPAB) December 2019 Meeting**

Date: December 04 – 05, 2019

Location: American University Washington College of Law, Tenley Campus  
4300 Nebraska Ave NW, Washington, DC 20016

Open to the public

Presentations and/or Briefings:

- Center for Internet Security - Center for Internet Security Election Security Assistance,
- Cybersecurity Solarium Commission – Update on the Cybersecurity Solarium Report,
- DHS - Election Security Guidance Overview,
- GAO - Update on Report 20-256-T VA and Other Federal Agencies Need to Address Significant Challenges,
- Georgetown University - Election Security Threats and Vulnerabilities,
- Microsoft - Safeguarding the Election Program,
- NIST - Election Equipment Security Requirements,
- NIST - Information Technology Laboratory Overview and Updates,
- NIST - Privacy Framework,
- NIST – Zero Trust Networks,
- U.S. House Committee on Science, Space & Technology - Legislation Update on Draft Election Technology Research Act (ETRA).

For more information such as the Federal Register Notice, full agenda, and related detailed Meeting Minutes can be found at ISPAB's event page: <https://csrc.nist.gov/Events/2019/ispab-december-2019-meeting>

## **Recommendations from this Meeting**

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None

## **2) Information Security and Privacy Advisory Board (ISPAB) March 2020 Meeting**

Date: March 25 – 26, 2020

Location: Day 1, National Museum of the American Indian (NMAI), Room 4018,  
Fourth Street & Independence Ave, SW, Washington, DC 20560,

Location: Day 2, National Cybersecurity Center of Excellence (NCCoE), 9700 Great Seneca  
Highway, Rockville, MD 20850

Open to the public

The March 2020 Meeting was canceled on March 11, 2020, based on guidance from federal, state, and local health officials due to the outbreak of COVID-19 to protect the health and safety of NIST employees, Board members, and the American public they continue to serve.

For more information, refer to ISPAB’s event page: <https://csrc.nist.gov/Events/2020/ispab-march-2020-meeting>

## **Recommendations from this Meeting**

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None, meeting was canceled.

## **3) Information Security and Privacy Advisory Board (ISPAB) June 2020 Meeting**

Date: June 24 – 25, 2020

Location: Virtual using Blue Jeans

Open to the public

Presentations and/or Briefings:

- Center for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS) - Industry Inputs on USG Compliance Programs,
- DHS & NIST - Telework Lessons and New Guidance,
- DOD - Cybersecurity Maturity Model Certification (CMMC),
- NIST - Executive Order on Strengthening National Resilience through Responsible Use of Positioning, Navigation, and Timing Services,
- NIST - Information Technology Laboratory Overview and Updates,

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- NIST - National Initiative for Cybersecurity Education (NICE) Update,
- NIST - Overview of USG and US Testing, Assessment and Conformance Models,
- NSA - National Information Assurance Partnership (NIAP),
- Office of Rep. James R. Langevin (RI-02) - Solarium Report Implementation.

For more information such as the Federal Register Notice, full agenda, and related detailed Meeting Minutes can be found at ISPAB's event page: <https://csrc.nist.gov/Events/2020/ispab-june-meeting>

## **Recommendations from this Meeting**

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### **Concern for Insensitive Language in Technology and Security Standards**

ISPAB submitted a letter to NIST expressing concern regarding many technology and security standards that may contain insensitive language.

[Letter](#) to Dr. Walter Copan, Undersecretary of Commerce for Standards and Technology and Director, NIST.

[Response](#) from Dr. Walter Copan, Undersecretary of Commerce for Standards and Technology and Director, NIST

## **ISPAB Charter Information**

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The current ISPAB Charter expired in February 2020 and was renewed, with a new expiration of February 2022. Information can be found at ISPAB's event page:

<https://csrc.nist.gov/projects/ispab>.

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## ISPAB Costs Fiscal Year 2020

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<b>Category</b>	<b>Estimated Costs</b>	<b>Actual Costs</b>
<b>Payments to Non-Federal Members</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b>Payments to Federal Members</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b>Payments to Federal Staff</b>	<b>\$60,000</b>	<b>\$65,364</b>
<b>Payments to Consultants</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b>Reimbursement for Travel: Non-Federal Members</b>	<b>\$10,000</b>	<b>\$1,616</b>
<b>Reimbursement for Travel: Federal Members</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$126</b>
<b>Reimbursement for Travel: Federal Staff</b>	<b>\$1,000</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b>Reimbursement for Travel: Consultants</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b>Other Costs</b>	<b>\$50,000</b>	<b>\$33,758</b>
<b>Federal Staff Support:</b>	<b>.80</b>	<b>.4</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$121,000</b>	<b>\$100,864</b>

Cost Remarks: Costs were reduced for FY20 due to cancelation of March Meeting and the June Meeting conducted virtually, reducing travel needs.