



CSWG and PSWG Status Update

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Lenin Maran, CSWG Chair
Gary King, PSWG Chair
Steven Majuta, PSWG Vice Chair
John Graminski, Staff Liaison

CSWG and PSWG Staff Liaison Report

- Responsibilities (Review)
- Membership
- 2022 Meetings
- Ongoing Support Efforts

CSWG and PSWG Responsibilities

- Serve as an expert advisory group regarding cyber and physical security to all WECC Committees, Subcommittees, and Working Groups
- Develop, review, and revise cyber and physical security related policies and documents
- Represent and coordinate regional cyber and physical security concerns and positions with the NERC Critical Infrastructure Protection Committee (CIPC)
- Provide a forum for sharing cyber and physical security information and best practices
- Work with WECC members to identify cyber and physical security related issues and needs
- Conduct forums, workshops, and meetings related to cyber and physical security matters
- Provide opportunities for members to network, interact, and share cyber and physical security knowledge and experience
- Perform other tasks as appointed by SASMS

CSWG and PSWG Membership

- New leadership:
 - CSWG Chair, Lenin Maran, March 2022
 - PSWG Chair, Gary King, January 2022
- Membership:
 - CSWG: 48 members from 26 organizations, 8 new in 2022
 - PSWG: 112 members from 42 organizations, 4 new in 2022
 - 7 members belong to both groups

CSWG and PSWG 2022 Meetings

- Quarterly meetings:
 - CSWG: 5/25, Q3, Q4
 - PSWG: 1/19, 4/20, 7/20, 10/19

CSWG and PSWG Ongoing Support Efforts

- Admin support: Nicole Lee and Maddy Eberhard
- Liaison: John Graminski
- Secure team site and closed sessions allow for sharing of sensitive information
- PSWG event highlights and statistics reports (working on CSWG version)
- Collaborative relationship with Electricity - Information Sharing and Analysis Center (E-ISAC)

CSWG Chair Report

- Purpose of the CSWG is to promote advanced cybersecurity designs and related best practices
- No meetings (either in-person or on-line since 2019) for 2 + years
- Last meeting under new Chair held in May 2022
- No Vice-Chair yet
- Reinvigorate membership
 - Increase awareness in other forums
 - Regular meetings
 - Partnership with other Cybersecurity forums
 - Cross Functional Collaboration within WECC WGs/Forums

PSWG Chair Report

- The purpose of the PSWG is to promote advanced physical security designs and related best practices. An important part of this purpose is to inform its members on compliance and security best practices in the physical protection of critical infrastructure. The group also serves as a bidirectional communications portal with WECC to help ensure clear understanding of compliance requirements, audit approaches that define success, industry challenges and solutions development.
- The PSWG moved to a monthly virtual meeting format with the advent of Covid-19, and more recently to a quarterly virtual meeting format.
- Going forward (Q3-4 2022) the PSWG anticipates having at least one in-person meeting each year and quarterly virtual meetings 2-3 times per year. Ideally one onsite meeting per year would be held at WECC HQ to leverage access to WECC personal. A second in-person meeting would be held at a registered entity location on a voluntary basis.

PSWG Chair Report (Continued)

- PSWG emphasis is anticipated to highlight programmatic best practices, increased educational opportunities and peer sharing.
- Increasing entity engagement and knowledge sharing.
- Encouraging the rapid response to requests for industry benchmarking, security and compliance solutions.
- The availability of resources and tools such as E-ISAC Vulnerability of Integrated Security (VISA) methodology (July 2022 meeting).
- The potential to expand topics beyond CIP as several entities also operate other forms of critical infrastructure with the same security personnel.

Questions





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