

CAcert, Inc.

President's Report for the Fiscal Year 2022-2023

CAcert has always been, and continues to be, a completely distributed, and completely volunteer-staffed organisation. While there is a dedicated core team attempting to keep CAcert running properly and serve our Community, it is difficult and tiring to the few involved. That is why we keep asking for more assistance, preferably, at the moment, self-starters who will cause less added work for the existing team. Yes, that is a lot to ask.

The changes that I described in last year's report have continued, with the new Community Background Check (CBC), the move to Switzerland, and other changes, continuing.

During this Fiscal Year, our old friends Secure-U closed their doors, and CAcert took over the contract with BIT, who provides rack space in their data centre for CAcert.

Our Treasurer continues to have challenges with PayPal, who are very difficult to work with. As well, he is having problems getting proper access to our various accounts and records.

The Critical Team continued their essential contribution to the workings of CAcert. During Fiscal 2022-2023 much of the critical server hardware was replaced at BIT with much more power-efficient and modern equipment. As well, an alternate server for the CRL was created.

The Infrastructure and Development teams have continued to contribute to efforts to improve the user experience and modernise the creation of certificates. However, that work has also revealed that CAcert has fallen behind in certain policies and procedures, and that has caused some issues which will last well into the next fiscal year.

Several issues regarding CAcert's certificates, both the root certificates and the derived ones have been identified this year.

CAcert was represented at Froscon again. Eva S's presentation on Authentication using CAcert vs alternatives was accepted by the organisers.

Remote Assurance, as mentioned last year, continues to be an issue under discussion and will be brought to the CAcert Policy Group as soon as practical.

The Board met each month and worked to improve their work flow and shorten their meetings. That aim has, in general, resulted in meetings that last no longer than one hour, once per month.

However, we also encourage more members to join the CAcert Board, which has been understaffed recently.

As I have said before, the Board and I look forward to another interesting year in the life of CAcert, Inc., building on the experiences and accomplishments of the past year, and looking forward into the future. Already, several projects have been identified, some to modernise systems and procedures, and some to modernise CAcert itself.

We should be having an interesting time.

Respectfully submitted,
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President, CAcert, Inc. 2022-2023