CVE Board Meeting Minutes
April 16, 2025 (2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. EST)

Agenda

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New Action Items from Today's Meeting

New Action Item	Responsible Party
Board Communications Policies Review	Board
Draft Potential Rule Change Requiring CNAs to Review Security Policies of Open Source Projects Before CVE Assignment	Board

Topics

Discussion: Recent Events

At the start, it was acknowledged that a memo was sent to Board members earlier in the week about a potential break in service of MITRE's support CVE. It was confirmed that there would be no interruption in service due to prompt action by government partners. A member that represents CISA on the CVE Board emphasized that the CVE Program remains "an absolutely essential tool in America's cybersecurity arsenal," adding that support extends "straight up to the top" of DHS. Another member that represents CISA on the CVE Board reaffirmed the government's understanding of the CVE Program's impact and importance.

Members discussed the impact of recent events and emphasized the need to prevent similar situations in the future. The Board expressed a shared commitment to safeguarding the program's reputation and strategic importance, with plans to continue discussions and identify actionable steps forward.

Overview of Face-to-Face Board Meeting Action Items

The Secretariat summarized the recent in-person Board session. Topics reviewed included:

- Developing further language for the CVE website to improve community understanding of various program roles (e.g., CNA, Root, TL-Root)

- Adopting AI-related tagging within CVE Records
- Reviewing CVE Record enrichment criteria and recognition
- Supporting automation efforts across CNA tooling
- Strengthening community communications and transparency

One Board member noted that these items aligned with community expectations and reinforced the Board's position as a strategic partner. Another emphasized bundling-related actions for Working Groups to ensure deliverables, suggesting formal tracking across quarters.

Consumer WG Discussion and Potential Call for Vote

The Board was reminded of a proposal to charter a new Consumer Working Group (CWG), with a draft charter and potential co-chairs circulated in advance. The CWG's goal would be to represent downstream CVE consumers—organizations and individuals who rely on CVE data for operational security, compliance, or analysis.

Several Board members endorsed the concept of a CWG, noting that consumer perspectives were underrepresented. Others stressed the need to avoid duplicating the work of existing Working Groups. One recommended cross-WG coordination frameworks.
General agreement emerged to refine the CWG scope, finalize the charter, and prepare for a formal approval process at the next meeting.

CNA Behavior Update and Discussion

A recent issue with a CNA was recapped: a CNA assigned CVE IDs to vulnerabilities already assigned by other CNAs. A Board member raised the concern, noting that the CNA disclosures did not follow published security policies of the affected projects.

When the Root reached out to the CNA, they responded promptly to reject the duplicative records. They explained to their Root that they had resolved the technical issues in their process and committed to improvement.

Open Discussion

A Board member reported that the VulnCon 2025 conference was a success, with a total attendance of 627 participants, including 448 in-person and 179 virtual attendees from 31 countries. Board members expressed satisfaction with the hot wash discussion after the conference.

It was announced that the next VulnCon conference will be held in Scottsdale, Arizona, in April 2026, and optimism was expressed for the continued success and growth of the event.

Review of Action Items

Deferred.