



**IN CONFIDENCE**

**11<sup>th</sup> December 2020**

Directors,

**A: We received 4 Nominations (shown below in no particular order)**

**Candidate #1: Airside Mobile Inc: USA: Peter Davis, Chief Privacy Officer, nominated by Airside's CEO.**

Dear Kantara Initiative,

I am pleased to nominate Peter Davis for the role of At-Large Director on the Board of Directors at Kantara Initiative. Mr. Davis serves as Chief Privacy Officer and Architect at Airside Mobile, Inc., a leader in digital identity and the creator of the highly-acclaimed Mobile Passport App and newly launched Airside Digital Identity App. Below you will find my statement in his support of his position as At-Large Director for 2021.

Candidate Statement for Peter Davis:

Mr. Davis is a distinguished leader in building identity management technology with integrity for over 20 years. His first-hand experience started with classical B2B applications, like extranets, then progressed to federated identity management applications, such as those enabled by Kantara Initiative (formerly Liberty Alliance), OAuth and SAML2.

Throughout his career, Mr. Davis has focused his work on standards and public policy, resulting in several published papers related to the application of authentication and authorization mechanisms on linked data, including privacy and security white papers and other advisory documents for Neustar, the Respect Network, Kantara, Liberty Alliance, and OASIS. He also served as co-

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chair for the Technical Working Group for the Digital Entertainment Content Ecosystem, LLC (DECE, UltraViolet).

While with the Liberty Alliance, and in conjunction with his involvement in their Public Policy Expert Group (PPEG), Mr. Davis assisted in providing guidance to the EU Article 29 committee work and contributed to its ID-WSF/ID-FF standards. His contributions within the DECE Technical Working Group include portions of the underlying REST protocol design, the message security architecture, and the incorporation of existing security and identity standards, such as federation and delegation topologies, into the DECE specifications. He has also ensured that applicable privacy requirements and practices have become an integral part of the DECE architecture, in general, and DECE's Coordinator architecture, in particular.

Mr. Davis' work at Airside makes him the heart of our "Privacy First. Human Always." motto. Airside has great respect for Kantara Initiative's efforts to establish standards and recommendations that are user-centric, consent-driven, and ultimately, built on trust. Airside became a member of Kantara Initiative years ago to help establish an architecture where a clear, unambiguous information exchange can take place, using a standards-based approach. Airside makes use of the Consent Receipt specification today, and has plans to add UMA support and Trust Framework certification in the near future.

In his previous job as Chief Identity Architect and Security Architect at Neustar, Mr. Davis served on the Kantara Board of Directors in 2009. Mr. Davis has no conflicts of interest.

Below you'll find the contact details for Mr. Davis.

**Peter Davis**

Chief Privacy Officer, Enterprise Architect  
Airside

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Sincerely,

**Amena Ali**

Chief Executive Officer

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**Candidate #2: Maria E. Vachino, Director, Easy Dynamics Corp, USA; self nomination, forwarded by JJ Harkema, EDC primary contact for Kantara matters.**

**Personal Bio**



Maria Vachino is a Director and the Digital Identity Lead at [Easy Dynamics Corp \(EDC\)](#). She is the Account Manager for SSA (Social Security Administration) and GSA (General Services Administration), where she also acts as a senior ICAM SME providing support at the CIO and DI lead levels. She is also leading the architecture and development of EAZE, SSA's Government to Business OIDC federation and entity-proofing capability, which won a [2020 Public Sector Innovation of the year award](#).

Within EDC, she leads the Identity Guild where her focus is on cross-agency collaboration (SSA, GSA, IRS, NIST, USDA, and DHS), training ICAM analysts, and growing EDC's ICAM practice. She supported EDC joining Kantara as part of her work as the DI Lead, and is encouraging our growing ICAM staff to participate in Kantara working groups.

Previously, Maria was the Technical and Government Engagement lead for the DHS S&T Identity Management Research program while at the Johns Hopkins University Applied Physics Lab. In that role, she supported work done as part of Kantara's KIPI program and informally participated in several Kantara working groups, including the ID Pro launch WG and the Identity Assurance WG.

Maria has an MS in Cybersecurity from the Johns Hopkins Whiting School of Engineering and a BS in Computer Science from UMBC.

### **Our Organization**

EDC is a consulting firm that specializes in Identity, Cybersecurity, Information Sharing, and Cloud. We are builders, problem solvers, and trusted advisors who bring well-architected solutions and management consulting to our clients to align them with the best practices their missions demand. As industry leaders, we are committed to delivering unparalleled quality and service in all aspects of our organization and providing our customers with outstanding technical excellence and the business acumen to advise them on both tactical and strategic initiatives.

EDC was founded in 2006 and is based in McLean, Virginia.

### **Conflict of Interest**

Maria supports Richard Wilsher's assessment of GSA's Login.gov conformance to NIST 800-63-3.

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**Easy Dynamics Corp**

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**Candidate #3: Thorsten Niebuhr, CEO, Wedacon Information Technologies GmbH, Germany; Self nomination.**

Hello Kantara fellows!

in late 2014, I started to contribute to Kantara's work within the IRM workgroup, and since then I enjoyed the collaboration and cooperation between all the brilliant persons within the workgroups, discussion groups and Kantara itself. Beside IRM, I also had a lot of fun in the Discussion Group for Blockchain and Smart Contracts, or within the incubation period for IDPro, especially the work done for the Taxonomy and BoK.

In the past two years, I was not able to contribute that much to Kantara's work, and I decided to step up again for the upcoming year by nominating my Company and me as part of the 'directors at large' for the Board.

There are hundreds of good reasons for doing this, but the main reason is that I think we should have more European companies and 'spirit' within Kantara and to make Kantara's work more visible in Europe.

WedaCon Informationstechnologien GmbH was founded in 2001 and is dedicated to Identity & Access Management topics ever since. As Consultancy, Implementation and Service-Partner with nearly 20 years experience, WedaCon seeks to join Kantara's Board as a 'director-at-large' to strengthen the European footprint of Kantara and to bolster the awareness and dedication to digital identity in general.

So I therefore nominate for a 'Directors-at-large' position in 2021

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**Candidate #4: Andrew Johnston, VP Standards Development & Industry Relations, 2 Keys Corporation, Canada; Self nomination**

Hello,

I would like to nominate myself, Andrew Johnston, for position of Director-at-large representing 2Keys Corporation, a Kantara Initiative member in good standing.

2Keys builds and operates Managed Security Services (MSS) for large institutional customers in Canada. Our bespoke services rely on significant industry standards that simplify the integration of our services with our customers' systems, but also guide our customers to good practice with respect to security and privacy. 2Keys is a member of a number of industry and standards groups in Canada. Our interest in the Kantara Initiative is related to emerging standards and good practice, as embodied by User Managed Access, Consent Receipts, and mDL Privacy and Identity. 2Keys is a wholly owned subsidiary of Interac Corp.

I have been working on identity systems and solutions for 20 years, from large employee single-sign-on implementations through nation-scale CIAM implementations. I have contributed to the DIACC Pan-Canadian Trust Framework since its inception and continue to support its development as co-chair of the Trust Framework Expert Committee. I am also a member of the DIACC Innovation Expert Committee, where I have previously held the positions of co-vice-chair, and co-chair. I am a member of the Digital Trust and Identity Technical Committee of the CIO Strategy Council, where I had the opportunity to contribute to what became the first National Standard of Canada for Digital Trust and Identity (CAN/CIOSC-103-1:2020 Part 1). For Interac, I am also a member of the Financial Data Exchange (FDX) Canada Technical Task Force. I own nothing, and hold no other positions, that I believe could put me in a perceived or actual conflict-of-interest with the position of Director-at-large for the Kantara Initiative.

Andrew Johnston | VP, Standards Development and Industry Relations

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