

Minutes of the PC4A Partner Meeting Held Virtually on January 26, 2026 at 3:30 pm

Members Present: Michael Caglia, Waleed Farag, Josh Hamilton, Sherri Mack, Tim McCroskey, Greg Paonessa, Donna Reed, Lydia Taylor, Barb Zaborowski

Meeting Information

1. Motion to approve the minutes of the December 18, 2025 meeting was made by Barb Zaborowski and seconded by Donna Reed. The motion passed unanimously.
2. Partners were asked to discuss the best timeframe and focus of the upcoming POGIL faculty development workshop. Partners agreed that March 27, 2026 was best, and a hybrid offering would increase participation. A survey will be distributed to partners soon to determine if a beginner or advanced workshop is most beneficial.
3. Due to the general education requirements at IUP, all new transfer agreements are currently on hold, and all existing transfer agreements must be updated by June 2026. To continue moving forward with Objective #2 of the project, the IUP transfer department has offered to create “guides” that will assist students with planning. Partners were asked to provide feedback on this idea, and all agreed that a guide would be helpful.
4. Partners were asked to provide feedback on best possible dates for the beginner CTF. The CTF was tentatively scheduled for April 10-11, 2026.
5. The LO is offering to purchase textbook/lab vouchers for students in spring and summer. Partners who are interested in vouchers were asked to contact the PM with their requests.
6. Mid-year project progress meetings will be held with partners sometime in March 2026. Partners were asked to be on the lookout for availability requests.
7. Details on the Goldwater Scholarship Program were shared with partners, and all were encouraged to advertise the opportunity to their students.
8. Partners provided the following updates:
 - a. **PHCC:** Scholarships have been determined for the spring semester. Three students are interested in internships. A social deduction game is being developed to help students determine a possible role of interest in cybersecurity. A certification workshop is tentatively planned for spring break. Professional development efforts are being expanded in AI.
 - b. **WCCC:** Work continues to get the contract for the Pearson Vue testing center signed. Certification workshops will be planned soon.
 - c. **MCCC:** The CompTIA Security+ workshop was offered to 15 students, one of which is from WCCC and six vouchers have been awarded so far. The ambassador program is getting a lot of attention and will hopefully be supported by internships. The CTF is planned for April 20 which will be open to all students.
 - d. **BC3:** The CompTIA Network+ bootcamp was offered to three students, two of whom passed their certification. Work has begun to plan the Annual Cybersecurity Conference. A CompTIA Security+ bootcamp will be offered in May 2026.
9. The next partner meeting will be held on February 23, 2026 at 3:30 PM EST.
10. With no further business, the meeting concluded at 4:20 PM EST.

Respectfully submitted by Lydia Taylor and Dr. Waleed Farag.