



CVE Board Meeting Minutes

February 5, 2025 (9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. EST)

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Topics

Discussion of CVE Rules and EOL Products

The Board discussed the pros and cons of allowing for the publication of CVE Records for EOL products (without a specific vulnerability).

The group explored the complexity of notifying users about vulnerabilities in EOL software and the challenges supplier CNAs face in effectively communicating these risks. There was a consensus that the current CVE rules, particularly regarding EOL software, may need to evolve to better address the community's needs.

Additionally, there was consensus on drafting a community blog post to outline the issue and promote the survey. The blog will help communicate the challenges around EOL software and invite further discussion from the community.

RBP and Inactive CNA Update

The Secretariat provided an update on “Reserved But Public” (RBP) ID outreach effort, noting that some CNAs had large backlogs. During the first phase of outreach to CNAs with RBP IDs, high volume producers were targeted. It was noted also that the CVE Program does not have a robust detection program, and that the RBPs “known” to the CVE Program constitute an incomplete data set.

The Board was also briefed on outreach to inactive CNAs. The conversation emphasized that clarifying and enforcing inactive CNA policies is crucial for improving program data quality. The next outreach will leverage Roots to resolve their CNAs’ RBPs.

Board members encouraged the drafting of a blog post to share RBP statistics and progress on re-engaging inactive CNAs with the wider CVE community, as well as the drafting of an FAQ for active CNAs for the inactive policy. A desire was also expressed by the Board to mention RBPs at VulnCon 2025.

RBP Outreach results to date: Reduction in "known" RBPs from 699 to 93

CVE Board Maturity and Roles

Topic deferred to a later meeting.

Quarterly Report Card

The Board noted that content related to program metrics in quarterly reports is due for review and adjustment. The group was asked to discuss ways to update the reports to include better metrics for the Board.

There was a consensus that these reports should be revitalized to show more detailed statistics, such as activity levels, RBP status, inactive CNAs, and program health.

A plan was proposed to cross-check past reports with current ones and enhance the reports with new metrics that reflect current program needs. The Tactical Working Group (TWG) was chosen as the forum to discuss the format and content of the updated Quarterly Report Cards.

Concerns for Secretariat/MITRE TLR

The Board discussed a concern that MITRE (as TLR Root) is taking on tasks better suited for CNAs or researcher organizations. These include overly hands-on recruitment of new CNAs and handling first-order triage for most CVE submissions. By redistributing these responsibilities, the Secretariat can concentrate on higher-level coordination and policy, such as enforcing the CVE RBP policy.

A concern noted by the Board was that rapid onboarding of new CNAs has outpaced MITRE's ability to assign and enrich CVEs effectively. Many remain inactive, increasing the burden on the CNA of Last Resort (CNA-LR). The Board noted that new CNAs should have clear readiness criteria and better onboarding protocols to ensure active participation.

The Board aims to ensure the CVE Program grows without overwhelming MITRE by establishing clear boundaries for Secretariat duties and leveraging the broader CNA community. It was noted that the publication of "CVE: 25th Anniversary Report" (published October 2024) involved weekly, small groups of Board members, and this format could be used to discuss operational efficiencies for MITRE in the CVE Program.

Open Discussion

The Board received an update on submissions for VulnCon 2025. An agenda for the event is expected by February 17th, with some changes anticipated after.

The Board was also reminded to be on the lookout for a new blog draft from the CVE AI WG.

Additionally, Board members were asked to pay attention to immediate action on the policy around end-of-life records, and that the Quality Working Group (QWG) would soon schedule a data call and survey.

The Board meeting was concluded after no other Open Discussion items were volunteered.

Review of Action Items

None.

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