

INSA Cyber Security Council Meets with NSTAC Representative

On Monday, April 19, the INSA Cyber Security Council met with Bob Dix of the National Security Telecommunications Advisory Committee (NSTAC) to discuss the pilot program he is leading to fuse information sharing efforts across critical infrastructure sectors. The Cyber Security Council's research efforts have focused on public-private partnership and effective information sharing and found that within sectors these public-private information flows function well, but the lack of a greater structure to the system limited sharing between sector organizations. Mr. Dix briefed the INSA Cyber Security Council on his group's effort, which reached the same conclusion and has sought to remedy the situation by testing an information sharing structure that would standardize reporting across sectors and engage in basic analysis of attack and breach data in order to develop a fuller picture of cyber threats and a series of warnings. Both sides found the meeting productive and INSA will continue to discuss the process over the next six months as the pilot program yields answers and further questions.