Dear SOA community,

This is our 2014 Holiday communications, bringing a close to the 2014 calendar year. Included in this edition are updates on the Service Registry and the initial services available through it, an update on SOA training, and advance notice of a February event to bring the SOA community together and have a show-and-tell about all of the items covered in this email.

**SOA Community of Practice event – February 5th**
The SOA community of practice is planning a kick-off event aimed at developers and business analysts on Thursday February 5th 2:00 pm – 3:30 pm. Please be on the lookout for further communication about this event.

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**Training Update**
Training classes were held in November, and also in December with a different trainer. Feedback has been positive, especially in December. More classes are scheduled for January, and others will probably be scheduled for February. Please see the [SOA Initiative website](#) for more information on training.

**Service Registry available and the first service is available**
The Northwestern [Service Registry](#) is now available. Web services can be found in the registry by searching or browsing through the service categories. To request access to services listed in the registry, or to list a new service, go to the [Service Request form](#).
The first production web service – Identity Mapper - was recently added to the Enterprise Service Bus and is listed in the Service Registry. The Identity Mapper service allows you to get all of the unique identifiers belonging to a member of the Northwestern community by supplying one of the identifiers. To see further information about the service, look for it in the Service Registry and read the Identity Mapper documentation.

**Web service documentation**

A working group is creating quick-start documentation of the steps needed to consume and produce a web service. This group has also been exploring documentation systems and frameworks that web service creators can use to make user-friendly documentation as they build their services. So far we have looked at Swagger, API Blueprint, and RAML. If you have experience with any web service documentation systems or frameworks, we’d love to hear from you. Please contact Dan Johannsson to start the discussion.

**Join the SOA community and keep abreast of SOA happenings**

Currently, the best way to be involved in the SOA community is to be subscribed to the SOA Notification email distribution list. If you know of someone who would like to join this list, please forward this email to them and tell them to click on the link at the top of this email for instructions on how to subscribe. We are working on a Yammer site to further enable community participation, and we will announce that site in January.

That’s it for 2014. We hope you have happy holidays and safe travels, and we look forward to seeing you in February.

Dan Johannsson (on behalf of the SOA Initiative Steering Group)

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