Cybersecurity at **MIT**Sloan

"How Secure Are We?" Participant Workshop

Goal: share practices around how we respond to the question "How Secure Are We?"

With cybersecurity top of mind in many organizations, we will use a session at the Cybersecurity at MIT Sloan annual conference to discuss and share leading practices we have implemented or seen implemented in organizations. Our objectives with this session are two-fold:

1. Create an actionable set of ideas our members can implement immediately
2. Kick start the next phase of our research on cybersecurity leadership.

Workshop Outline

Assignment: Prior to the workshop, participants were asked to bring with them their answer to the question "How do you answer the question 'How Secure Are We' ?". As security leaders, we are asked this question by different leaders and managers in our organization. This is a simple question to ask but answering it can be quite difficult. We don't want to respond with so much detail that our colleagues feel we are overwhelming them. At the same time, we want to make sure our colleagues understand our organization's situation, know about the realistic cybersecurity environment in which we operate, and feel empowered to move forward to help keep the organization secure.

How do you respond when asked "How Secure Are We"?

What to bring to the session: Participants are asked to bring their thoughts on how they respond to this question. Some questions to consider:

1. How do you answer the question "How Secure Are We"?
2. What are the challenges when you are faced with answering this question?
3. Who asks this question of you most often and what information do they want when they ask?
4. How does your answer differ if you are responding to an executive? Board Member? Manager? Customer? Other?

You are invited to bring a 1-page handout of your thoughts on this topic, if you prefer. But a handout is not required; just bringing your thoughts and ideas is fine. We will take notes during the session.

Plans for this Conference session: We will break into small groups to discuss answers to these questions. Each participant will be given a chance to share their experience in their break out group. The break out groups will then reconvene in the larger classroom to share one or two of the best ideas that emerged from their discussion. We will take notes and create a summary report for on leading practices and ideas shared by the group in addition to creating a more extensive research project to dive deeper into cybersecurity leadership.