

OFA XWG Meeting Minutes
February 09, 2017
11am Mountain

1. Roll Call:

Board Members:

Broadcom / Eddie Wai
Cray/Paul Grun
HPE / Zarka Cvetanovic
Huawei / Daqi Ren
IBM / Bernard Metzler
Intel / Jim Pappas
Jump Trading / Christoph Lameter
LANL / Susan Coulter
LLNL / Matt Leininger
Mellanox / Bill Lee
Mellanox / Gilad Shainer
NetApp / David Dale
Oak Ridge / Scott Atchley
Oracle / David Brean
Sandia / Chris Beggio
Unisys / Lilia Weber

Also present:

OFA / Jim Ryan
LANL / Parks Fields
Netapp / Frank Yang

2. Approval of minutes from meeting on 2/2

- Deferred until next week due to delay in transmission by minute taker

3. Dual License

- Red Hat attorney consulted for dual license issues
 - Four questions in email thread from Susan
 - One interpretation of response is that in almost all instances, the result is GPLv2
 - Does this mean dual license status is eliminated?
 - On the last answer in email, GPLv2 is not specified
 - OFA attorney should be consulted for final counsel
 - Current thought is that if OFED code is released as is, that it is now GPL (v2) only
 - Clarity around this issue is required
 - Bylaws may be violated if OFED is GPL only
 - This applies only to kernel space files, but not to user space files, which should remain dual license
 - We have not arrived at a concrete answer about (1) the kernel space files versus user space files, or (2) under what circumstances does contamination occur, and (3) how does this impact the license of non-linux operating systems
 - Susan will reframe the questions to the Red Hat attorney

4. SUSE/RedHat – UNH/IOL ... any residual concerns or questions

- We have not heard back from Suse regarding our offer

- We are creating a new program to draw Linux distributions for (1) on-demand testing using UNH/IOL, and (2) using distributions for our interop testing
 - We do not want to create a three-way statement of work (SOW), but rather SOWs between OFA and distribution vendors, and between OFA and UNH/IOL
 - Red Hat is reviewing test plan
5. Update on workshop
- Technical program committee (TPC) is meeting every Monday
 - Marketing group is actively promoting conference
 - We have more than 50 submissions
 - Presentation submission reviews are ongoing
 - Registration update: registrations are ahead of schedule, 30 registration so far
 - Early bird registration will end beginning of March
6. Bylaws
- Questions about at-large board members regarding nominations, vetting, voting
 - Treasurer recommends publicly announcing the two at-large board seat vacancies
 - Paul Grun slides
 - Bylaws changes regarding organization officers as series of proposed motions
 - OFA bylaws must conform to CA law
 - CA law requires three board members: President (or chair), secretary, treasurer
 - Article 8 requirements are somewhat vague
 - Series of votable motions
 - (1) Officers shall consist of chair, vice chair, treasurer, and secretary
 - (2) Term in office shall be 18 months
 - (3) Nominations and voting
 - (4) Eligibility and Succession
 - (5) Member meetings
 - (6) Conduct of board meetings
 - Question: Quorum of officers is required for meetings to occur? Disaster clause is necessary. Mitigation of absences, either long term or short term, needs to be articulated
 - Suggestion to include vice chair officer position
 - Language should be added to specify minimum number of officer positions occupied by unique individuals. Bylaws do not specify that someone cannot hold two or more positions
 - Currently, the treasurer and chair are the authorities for fiduciary responsibilities
 - The chair and vice chair should not also occupy other roles
 - We should not necessarily combine the secretary and minute taker

- Treasurer recommends to refine the language about officer/BOD member distinction and revoke voting privilege of officer if another member company representative occupies a BOD position, so that there is one vote per director organization

7. Meeting adjourned