**OFA XWG Meeting**

**March 5, 2020**

**10am Pacific Time**

1. Roll Call:

Board Members:

Broadcom / Eddie Wai

**HPE / John Byrne**

Huawei / Daqi Ren

IBM / Bernard Metzler

**Intel / Divya Kolar**

Jump Trading / vacant

**LLNL / Matt Leininger**

Mellanox / Gilad Shainer

**Oak Ridge / Scott Atchley**

**Sandia / Mike Aguilar**

Other Attendees (non-voting):

**At-Large / Harold Cook**

**HPE / Paul Grun**

IBM (Red Hat) / Doug Ledford

**OFA/Jim Ryan**

**Intel/Bob Woodruff**

1. Opens, Agenda Bashing
2. Approve minutes from [January 9, 2020 XWG meeting](https://downloads.openfabrics.org/WorkGroups/board/minutes_xwg/2020/OFAXWGMinutes_20200109.docx)
* A motion to approved the minutes from 16 January was made by Michael Aguilar (Sandia). A second to the motion was made by Scott Atchley (Oak Ridge). The vote was approved.
1. Workshop Postponement
	1. Rationale, actions taken
* We were left with no option, due to member travel issues, to postpone the Workshop.
	1. Prognosis for the future and planning process going forward
* We decided to postpone the Workshop because of the importance of an in-person
* We will give members the option of a refund or to leave the money with the OFA for a pending reschedule.
* When we get information back that Mellanox, Intel, HPE, and Amazon Web Services are releasing their employees to travel again.
	1. Financial impact to the OFA
* We will take a non-refundable financial impact of around $10k due to the rescheduling.
* The Blackwell Inn will let us apply the monies spent to a future Workshop.
1. Gen-Z Memorandum of Understanding
	1. Current revision is [GenZ\_OFA\_MOU\_2020\_0303.doc](https://downloads.openfabrics.org/WorkGroups/board/collaborations/Gen-Z/GenZ_OFA_MOU_2020_0303.doc)

This MoU is intended to cover both technical activities and marketing activities.

Technical Activities

1. Technical Exchange: The OFA and Gen-Z agree to a series of cross-organizational technical exchange meetings (TEMs) for the purpose of cross-education on each other’s technology, current and expected future activities. In keeping with the OFA’s open source orientation, these meetings will be held in an open environment, likely under the umbrella of the existing OFIWG. During these exchanges, Gen-Z is not expected to discuss or expose information which is proprietary to the Gen-Z Consortium or its members.
2. Roadmap, Enhancements to libfabric: Depending on the outcome of these meetings, the two organizations agree to jointly develop a roadmap guiding the future development of the libfabric API as needed to fully support the current and future development of Gen-Z. Such a roadmap shall not be binding on either party, but rather shall serve as the basis for discussing future enhancements to the libfabric API.
3. Gen-Z Provider: If appropriate, the Gen-Z Consortium agrees to sponsor the development of a Gen-Z libfabric provider. Such development could take place under the auspices of the OFA’s OFIWG, or in any other venue agreeable to the Consortium.
4. Abstract Fabric Manager: The OFA is contemplating the development of an “abstract fabric manager” built on the concepts of Redfish. The intention is to use Gen-Z as a strawman target for such a fabric manager. Similar to libfabric, such an abstract fabric manager would likely be built on a ‘framework/provider’ architecture. The OFA and Gen-Z agree to collaborate on an investigation into the feasibility of such an abstract fabric manager.
5. Gen-Z Manager Plug-In: If the previous activity proves the feasibility of such an approach, the OFA and the Consortium agree to work together, along with others, to develop both the management framework as well as a Gen-Z Plug-in. This work is to be carried out in the context of an open OFA working group, to be defined.

Marketing Activities

1. OFA and Gen-Z may share booths and/or participate jointly at industry events. They will agree on an event-by-event basis on which industry events in which to jointly participate, how to divide costs, displays and materials for any such booth or participation, and staffing of any such booth.
2. OFA and Gen-Z may promote each other’s events, publications, specifications, and services. Each party agrees to do so in compliance with all applicable laws, including without limitation laws governing e-mail marketing and personal data privacy. Each party shall, prior to distribution or publication thereof, obtain the other party’s consent to any materials promoting the other party’s events, publications, specifications, or services. Any previously granted approval may be revoked at any time. The parties will license their respective trademarks and service marks to each other for the foregoing purposes.
3. OFA and Gen-Z may jointly develop white papers, marketing materials, presentations, and educational materials. Any such jointly developed works will be jointly owned by OFA and Gen-Z, and either party shall have the right to use, reproduce, distribute, publish, create derivative works of, or otherwise exploit such jointly developed works.
4. OFA and Gen-Z may each, in its own specifications, incorporate portions of the other party’s specifications by reference; however, OFA and Gen-Z may not reproduce parts of the other party’s specifications in its own specifications without the other party’s prior written approval.
5. OFA may publicly provide feedback to Gen-Z regarding Gen-Z’s Management Architecture specification, which specification shall be deemed confidential information of Gen-Z unless and until it is made publicly available by Gen-Z. Any such feedback provided by OFA shall be owned by Gen-Z.
6. March Board of Directors meeting. Reschedule to March 12?
* Due to the postponed Workshop, the Board meeting will still be held on March 19.