OpenFabrics Alliance

## Official Ballot

OpenFabrics, Inc. dba OpenFabrics Alliance (OFA), a 501(c)(6) non-profit corporation registered in the state of CA, has initiated a vote to change their corporate Bylaws. As a member of the OFA, your vote is needed. This vote is to replace the [existing Bylaws](https://www.openfabrics.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/08/ofa_bylaws_march_2011.pdf) with a new set of [Bylaws](https://downloads.openfabrics.org/WorkGroups/board/bylaws_and_policy/2021%20August%20Review%20Package/OFA%20Bylaws%20DRAFT_2021_0823.docx). These new documents have been available for review since August, 2021. Of importance, the new Bylaws would remove statutory member status from all member levels except the Promoter member level. The Board feels this is in the best interest of the OFA as it allows the OFA flexibility to alter membership levels and rights over time as the focus of the OFA changes. This vote is required to pass both CA state code requirements for any change that materially alters a statutory member’s rights, as well as the requirements of the existing Bylaws that certain bylaws changes require a 2/3 majority of Promoter member votes. As such, passage of each votable item requires the following affirmative votes:

 Total Members Votes required to pass

Promoter members 8 2/3 Majority = 6

Adopter members 3 Simple Majority = 2

Supporter members 1 Simple Majority = 1

Academic members 0 Simple Majority = 0

Individual members 0 Simple Majority = 0

The votable items are:

Vote 1: Replace the entirety of the [existing Bylaws](https://www.openfabrics.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/08/ofa_bylaws_march_2011.pdf) with the [new Bylaws](https://downloads.openfabrics.org/WorkGroups/board/bylaws_and_policy/2021%20August%20Review%20Package/OFA%20Bylaws%20DRAFT_2021_0823.docx).

\_\_\_X\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No

Member Organization: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_IBM\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Authorized Representative: \_\_Bernard Metzler\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_03/05/2023\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Please email your ballot to press@openfabrics.org.

**All ballots must be received by 5pm EDT, May 17, 2023 in order to be counted.**