**OFA Board Meeting**

**July 21, 2016**

**11am Mountain**

1. Roll Call:

Board Members:

Cray/Paul Grun

HPE / Zarka Cvetanovic

IBM / Bernard Metzler

Intel / Jim Pappas

LANL / Susan Coulter

Mellanox / Gilad Shainer

NetApp / David Dale

Oracle / David Brean

Sandia / Chris Beggio

Unisys / Bill Weber

Also present:

Independent / Jim Ryan

Intel / Paul Bowden

Intel / Woody Woodruff co-chair EWG

1. Training Materials Update
   1. Mid-August for training materials presentation materials update
2. Financial Update
   * Bank balance $366K
     + Oracle mistakenly sent $25K
     + OFA deposited the check and returned a check for refund
     + There is an open question as to whether or not Oracle will deposit refund
     + David Brean will follow-up
     + What is a comfortable OFA reserves balance for buffer? We should know this.
     + The transfer of knowledge between Bill Boas and Bill Lee is still not complete
     + A top priority is completing the budget to understand revenue and expenses
     + The reserve balance amount will be a result of a comprehensive budget review
3. Working Group reports
   * We do not have reviews from each group
     + Paul Grun OFI
       - On track
       - Working through normal git hub issues
       - End of year release may break backward compatibility
       - Changes to libfabric to support NVM
         * Updates to the verbs specification to support non-volatile memory are being discussed in the IBTA’s Link Working Group.
         * Pay attention to IBTA such that verbs and libfabric do not diverge
         * Dropping NVM in lieu of persistent memory
         * NVMe block storage protocol to access persistent memory devices
     + Woody EWG
       - Finished 3.18-2 to support distros and user space packages
       - What is next? New release to support upstream kernel features
         * iWarp driver, ROCE, ROCE v2
         * Will target 4.8 Linux kernel source
         * Working on backports and RCs
     + OFVWG
       - No report
     + IWG
       - No report
     + TAC
       - No report
   * Future working group minutes will be included as email report to scribe for transcription to minutes
4. Funding the Executive Director position
   * Chair believes that we should accept Intel’s offer of funding for ED position
     + OFA is in need of the funding
     + The OFA should trust Jim Ryan to act in an unbiased way in the best interest of OFA
     + Paul Grun agrees that Jim will act in best interest of OFA
     + We have checks and balances
     + Gilad has expressed disagreement of accepting Intel’s offer
     + We should characterize this offer as bridge funding for 18 months of ED position funding
     + Mellanox asserts that Jim Ryan may promote Intel agenda
     + Mellanox asserts that funding is intended to pay for a specific person, and that it would not be ok for Mellanox to fund their own person
     + Mellanox asserts that OFA can fund ED position for three months
     + IBM asserts that the upcoming vote is not about Jim Ryan specifically, but about the fact that a company (Intel) proposes to fund what should be by definition the company-neutral position of an Executive Director of the OpenFabrics Alliance, and that IBM has concerns with that approach
     + Mellanox believes that OFA should operate in accordance with bylaws, and this is not a matter of trust
     + Cray asserts that OFA has operated on an informal basis for a long time without elections according to bylaws
     + Cray asserts that we do not have the budget in control enough to turn down the funding offer
     + LANL asserts that this is something that we can accept
     + Mellanox asserts that this is not free money, and bias is unavoidable
     + The appearances are that Intel is manipulating the OFA through the funding of the ED position
     + Intel / Jim Pappas The dysfunction within OFA is stagnating the outcome of this decision; the OFA does not have the financial resources to fund ED position or to sustain a healthy organization
     + Woody Woodruff asserts that Intel funds many organizations to promote ecosystem of Linux
     + The Intel offer is only temporary to fund the ED position, and is not permanent or indefinite
     + The budget exercise should take only three months
     + The chair believes that a motion should be put forth on this issue that should also include a limited term and legal review contingency
     + Susan moves that OFA accept funding at $35000/quarter to be reviewed every quarter for a total of 18 months pending legal review
     + Cray seconds

**Motion to accept funding at $35000/quarter to be reviewed every quarter for a total of 18 months pending legal review**

Cray/Paul Grun yes

HPE / Zarka Cvetanovic yes

IBM / Bernard Metzler abstain

Intel / Jim Pappas yes

LANL / Susan Coulter yes

Mellanox / Gilad Shainer nay

NetApp / David Dale yes

Oracle / David Brean abstain

Sandia / Chris Beggio yes

Unisys / Bill Weber abstain

Yes – 6

Nay – 1

Abstentions - 3

**Motion passes pending legal review**

Meeting adjourned