

**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

2. Training Materials Update

2.1. Mid-August for training materials presentation materials update

3. 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

4. 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

## 5. 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