OFA Board Meeting
February 15, 2017
11am Mountain

1. Roll Call:
   Board Members:
   At-Large / Bob Noseworthy
   Broadcom / Eddie Wai
   Cray/Paul Grun
   HPE / Andy Riebs
   Huawei / Daqi Ren
   IBM / Jonas Psesserele
   Intel / Divya Kolar
   Jump Trading / Christoph Lameter
   LANL / Susan Coulter
   LLNL / Matt Leininger
   Mellanox / Gilad Shainer
   NetApp / David Dale
   Oak Ridge / Scott Atchley
   Oracle / David Brean
   RedHat / Doug Ledford
   Sandia / Mike Aguilar
   Also present:
   LANL/Jesse Martinez
   Mellanox/Bill Lee
   OFA/Jim Ryan
   Intel/Paul Bowden
   LANL/Parks Fields
   Intel/Bob Woodruff

2. Approve Board minutes from 1/18

   - A motion to approved the minutes from 1 February was made by: Michael Aguilar (Sandia). The motion was seconded by Paul Grun (Cray). The minutes were unanimously approved.

3. Working Group Reports
   3.1. EWG

   - OFED-4.8-2 RC1 has been released for testing. If no critical issues are found in the testing, we will move to GA release in 2 weeks

   3.2. OFIWG

   - Exploring opportunities to define C++ interfaces for using fabric services
   - Targeting March for 1.6.0 release
   - Support for accessing CPU's performance management statistics

3.3. MWG – discuss replacing the Chair of this group

- Bill Lee is unable to continue being the Chair of the MWG.
- Divya Kolar is interested in 'filling in' as the MWG Chair.
- We have Affiliated Members as Working Group Chairs.
- Contact Susan Coulter (LANL), Paul Grun (Cray), Jim Ryan (OFA), or Michael Aguilar (Sandia) if you are interested in the MWG position.

3.4. IWG – significant update here regarding Distro testing

- IWG LOGO event is occurring right now at the University of New Hampshire Interop Testing Lab.
  - o InfiniBand testing should be completed this week.
  - o RoCE and iWARP testing will be occurring next week.
- The first IWG Distro testing is expect to occur over the next 12 months.
  - o The Distro testing will occur at the New Mexico Consortium under Jesse Martinez (LANL).
  - o The goals of the OS Distro testing include working to address the needs of the Linux Distros and to improve the end customer experience, improve the upstream kernel and distro software validation for RDMA and OFA software on Alpha and Beta OS distros, and most importantly separate Distro testing from LOGO and InterOp testing. We would like to focus on OS Distros instead of hardware vendors.
  - o SuSE Linux will be doing their testing in the first quarter of 2018.

4. Mission status / Bylaws status

- Very clear thoughts are coming through after the discussions.

- The process agreed to by the XWG is to hold detailed, interactive discussions on the four elements that comprise a good mission statement which are: • What is that we do? **We expect to come up with an answer to the questions in the next few XWG meetings.**

  - Who is it for?
  - How does the OFA do what it does?
  - What is the value of what the OFA does?
  - Who is it for?

- **The current iteration of the strawman answer of what the OFA does and how the OFA does it, provides us with:** *We drive technology by fostering open source software development.* Are we performing the task of? *Incubation, collaboration, evangelization?*

- **The current iteration of the strawman answer provides us with**: *Our value is that we accelerate the development and adoption of fabric technologies to enable portable solutions.* Alternatively: *We support the development of open source software for networking.*

- **The discussion is expected to continue in following XWG/Board meetings – all XWG and Board members are encouraged to make it a point to attend and participate.**