

OFA XWG Meeting Minutes
July 7, 2016

1. Roll Call:

Board Members:

Cray/Paul Grun
Intel / Jim Pappas
Jump Trading / Christoph Lameter
LANL / Susan Coulter
Mellanox / Gilad Shainer
Oracle / David Brean
Sandia / Chris Beggio
Oakridge / Scott Atchley

Also present:

Mellanox / Bill Lee
Intel / Robert Woodruff
Independent / Jim Ryan

2. Approval of minutes from last week

- Paul moves to accept the minutes
- Susan seconds
- Minutes approved

3. Old Business:

3.1. Intel's funding of executive director position

- Intel / Jim Pappas offers to fund the full amount of the ED position. Intel offers a rate of \$100/hr. 20 hr. /week for 18 months. This amounts to \$25000 per quarter and Intel is offering \$35000 per quarter. This money is allocated on a quarterly basis and must be paid on a quarterly basis, or this money is foregone and used for other purposes.
- The current proposal by Intel stipulates that if Jim does not work full allotted time, then Intel pays actual hours worked. Susan suggests that Intel donate the full amount to OFA and Jim receives payment for actual hours worked due to the appearance of this arrangement. The question is posed as to whether or not we can do this multi-member donation for other projects.
- Intel would want ability to readjust if ED is only required for less time than the 20 hours per week, or if some other company also steps forward to fund the position. Susan expects that OFA would rewrite contract if less hours are necessary.
- Mellanox believes this is not an appropriate thing to do, specifically company funding a specific person. Mellanox asserts that the ED position should be funded equally by all member companies, i.e. out of membership dues. Mellanox suggests that the board consult with OFA

attorney to establish appropriateness of ED contract and funding. There is a counter point made that there is no difference if Intel pays ED salary versus those members who work for OFA while employed by promoter.

- Susan – Suggests that there might be another company to offer to fund the ED position such as Jump Trading, Mellanox, or Oracle. Susan suggests three possible solutions. One – Intel makes a donation up front. Two – Other companies also donate for the ED position. Third – no one donates any money, and the OFA funds position.
- Cray asserts that we should not leave money on the table that is offered. We should embark on a budgeting exercise before allocating money for tasks such as coding for dual-license issue.
- Susan suggests we determine whether or not we potentially compromise non-profit status with the receipt of funds from Intel or other companies.
- Jim Pappas / Intel asks if OFA can afford \$2000/wk. indefinitely without external funding. Bill Lee does not know if we can afford \$2000/wk. today without external funding. Needs to complete transition from old treasurer. Susan - can we afford to fund ED over three months while Bill Lee completes budget reconciliation? Chris Lameter – Believe current cash reserves are sufficient. Bill Lee – We can fund ED position for three months. Hopes to have budget during the next two weeks. Jim Pappas – Challenges that we cannot find an ED for \$30k/yr. The amount being offered for ED salary is well below industry average. Intel cannot offer money up front, as operations are on a quarterly basis. Every month it is not used for this, it is allocated elsewhere. Susan – We need to go back to the budget over the next two weeks to determine health of OFA.
- Susan - Direct competitors Intel and Mellanox and their opposition cannot derail alliance effort. Suggests vote on amended motion for accepting Intel \$35000/quarter for three months. Can XWG act for board or defer to board for motion at next meeting.
- Cray suggests vote on motion regarding funding.
- Intel / Jim Pappas - Amendment motion for accepting Intel \$35000/quarter for ED for three months pending legal approval by OFA legal counsel. This is an important item and will be the priority agenda item for the July 21 OFA board meeting.

Roll call vote on motion to accept Intel’s offer of \$35,000 per quarter for executive director position salary for three months pending legal approval by OFA legal council

Cray/Paul Grun - yes
Intel / Jim Pappas - yes
Jump Trading / Christoph Lameter - yes
LANL / Susan Coulter - no
Mellanox / Gilad Shainer - no
Oracle / David Brean - no
Sandia / Chris Beggio - abstain
Oakridge / Scott Atchley – abstain

Ayes: 3
Nays: 3
Abstentions: 2

Motion results in a tie.

- Susan suggests taking to board and researching budget further.

3.2. Dual License status – another meeting being set up

- Susan – taking dual license issue offline. Jim sent a doodle poll for contributions to dual license issue for further discussion. Email request to jimdryan@gmail.com for addition to list for conference call on dual license issue.

3.3. Bylaws

- Susan – Paul is putting together a slide deck together framing problem of bylaws. This is intended as a starting point for bylaws revision discussion.

4. New Business

4.1. Approve Chair announcement

- Bill has composed an announcement regarding chair change from Jim Ryan to Susan Coulter.
- Susan moves to accept announcement.
- Cray seconds motion.

Nays: none

Motion adopted to publish announcement.

4.2. Training Materials – Availability, terms, updates

- Susan - OFA has training material back in OFA control. How do we make those training materials available?
- Paul suggests training materials under GPL.
- Christoph suggests we cannot license training (documentation) under GPL.
- Susan – AR to start conversation regarding licensing of training materials. Jim offers to help due to experience with similar issues.

4.3. RedHat / SUSE – Both these organizations would like to be more involved in OpenFabrics

- Susan – Red Hat wants to become full promoter. Want to be more involved in interop testing. Suse also wants to have distro in interop testing. Interop testing occurs once per year.
- Paul – Becoming promoter member offers certain rights.

- Susan – Bill Lee, Susan, and Doug Ledford will take AR to determine what OFA needs to do to gain membership from Red Hat and Suse and will then take results back to board. Positive to have Red Hat and Suse as promoting.

4.4. TAC

- Frank Berry, a co-chair, has retired
- Purpose and goals for this Working Group

The meeting is adjourned.