

OFA XWG Meeting Minutes
July 14, 2016

1. Roll Call:

Board Members:

Broadcom / Eddie Wai
Cray/Paul Grun
Intel / Jim Pappas
Jump Trading / Christoph Lameter
LANL / Susan Coulter
Mellanox / Gilad Shainer
NetApp / David Dale
Oak Ridge / Scott Atchley
Oracle / David Brean
Sandia / Chris Beggio

Also present:

Independent / Jim Ryan
Red Hat / Doug Ledford
Mellanox / Bill Lee
LANL / Parks Fields

2. Approval of minutes from last week

- Cray motion to approve
- Intel seconds
- Minutes approved
- Susan comments on recording of minutes. We should not need to capture entirety of minutes
- Paul suggests capturing both results and tone of meeting
- There is still concern about recording webex, so meetings will remain unrecorded

3. Old Business:

3.1. Dual License status

- Conference call occurred during the week
- Possible solution is a kernel developer from LANL
- Hours and commitment TBD
- Developer introduced to Ledford and Lameter
- Important for OFA developers to maintain dual license
- We do not want to give up on solving the license issue

3.2. Bylaws

- Paul has been working on slide deck about bylaws
- No update today on progress

- ETA for slide deck – two weeks at least

3.3. Training Materials

- AR from last week – determine license relevant to training materials – no update
- Susan will review email from Jim Ryan and report

3.4. RedHat / Interop Testing

- Request of Red Hat to contribute to improving interop testing
- Red Hat / Doug Ledford – Red Hat has traditionally focused on certification rather than interop testing
- Recent OFA workshops have included discussions about interop testing
- The preference is for testing to be done prior to general availability
- Debug events occur twice a year
- Logo testing is run by UNH/IOL, which really needs final product
- We should run these tests on upstream packages and upstream kernels once a year
- There is concern that current debug events are not currently run with an upstream kernel
- Suggestion is to run debug events against RC kernels to establish a more stable upstream kernel for addition of kernel into forthcoming Linux distros
- The OFA and IOL would be receptive to such an effort
- Current boilerplate contract may or may not detail how a Linux vendor might be included in board participation
- Current membership document specifies how to join, costs, entitlements, and obligations of promoting members
- Members that participate in Plugfest pay an additional fee
- The OFA will look at applicability of fees, given contribution of Linux companies
- Discussion in IWG with Red Hat inclusion is necessary to determine additional expenses
- Resulting change in billing may be impacted by additional things that Red Hat proposes doing in terms of feature inclusion, testing with other promoting members and vendors
- John Jolly from Suse will be included in invitation
- Interoperability testing that includes logo may in the future include compliance testing

3.5. ED funding update

- Legal counsel response has been sent to chair and vice chair

4. New Business

4.1. TAC

4.1.1. Frank Berry, a co-chair, has retired

- Co-chair position is vacated
- Several meetings have been cancelled due to lack of agenda
- TAC has traditionally been small and closed, and intended to incite ideas and discussion that would result in proposals to board
- Participation has been strained; last project was OFI/LG
- This is still a valuable body, even if it meets less often
- There is still a question about who should chair and co-chair the TAC; there may be a candidate from Intel; Mellanox will chair the group in the interim

4.1.2. Purpose and goals for this working group should be revisited

4.2. Suggestions for agenda items

4.2.1. New calendar for OFA working group business

- Automated facility to populate a calendar with working group functions that does not require additional effort by chairs
- Start with working groups for standing meetings, ad-hoc functions are more difficult
- Plugins exist for such a technical solution
- Jim Ryan will take AR for recommendation for solution

5. Meeting adjourned