

OFA XWG Meeting Minutes
August 11, 2016
11am Mountain

1. Roll Call:

Board Members:

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

Also present:

OFA / Jim Ryan
Intel / Woody Woodruff
Mellanox / Bill Lee

2. Modifications to minutes

- Three comments on minutes from 7/14 content to separate bullet
- Minutes approval by board only

3. Approval of minutes

- XWG meeting on 7/14
 - Cray moves to accept with modifications
 - LANL seconds
 - Minutes approved
- XWG meeting on 8/4
 - Cray moves to accept
 - LANL seconds
 - Minutes approved

4. Old Business:

- Dual License status – no updates until after 8/20
 - Probably no updates until after NVMe conference
- Bylaws
 - Paul is prepared to present at board meetings
 - No action from board required
 - Separate bylaws team likely to be formed
- Training materials
 - Brief call 8/11/16, attended by Chris, Susan, and Jim
 - Training materials free to two top tiers of membership
 - Costs charged to non-member TBD with market analysis
 - SFW may be a customer for training resale
 - Customer use agreement to include not-for-resale clause
 - Costs of creating training materials to be recouped by charges to non-members
 - Formal notes forthcoming from Jim
- Email lists

- We are now using OFA email reflectors, and have decommissioned LANL listserv lists
- OFABoard includes voting members
- OFABoardPlus includes non-voting board members
- OFABoardChairs are just chairs of the board
- OFA lists are moderated by chairs
- Additions to lists, including proxies, will be addressed in bylaws

5. New Business

- InterOp re-design of charges / distros
 - Conversation out of Doug Ledford / Red Hat and Suse becoming members
 - We use Red Hat in the interop program today
 - How do fees change as a result of additional costs due to inclusion of Linux vendors?
 - To be taken up in IWG working group
 - There is no description of proposed changes
 - Today, customers are charged on a per-device basis
 - We may consider charging Linux vendors based on gained competitive advantage
- TAC charter – no Intel personnel, Diego only
 - Intel is not going to offer anybody to co-chair TAC
 - Diego is sole member and chair today
 - This group should lead redesign of software image
 - TAC has been challenged to maintain participation and productivity
 - Board members should be encouraged to attend
 - TAC has been chartered to be visionary body
 - Charter changed to be consultancy to board
 - Possible tasks for TAC include predicting needs due to exascale
 - Solicit new members, including Parks Fields
 - One charter to be visionary, the other to perform technical projects for board
 - Consider opening membership of TAC to non-members and non-traditional members (chief scientists and academics)
 - It is a valuable, but not critical to mission of OFA
- Website revamp completion / Organizational Assessment
 - Tweak to organizational page
 - Remove mention of TAC until TAC has full leadership and charter
 - Remove Windows working group
 - Since NVMe driver for Windows for NVMe group, no activity
 - Status may change after meeting between OFA and NVMe group
 - Susan will offer change suggestions via OFAPlus list
 - Bill Lee has lead this effort in the past and will get with Nerius (sp?) team
 - Larger revamp – software portal
 - Left as a future exercise

- Needs a full redesign
- Form separate group to address content of software portal from OFVWG, OFIWG, and XWG members
- There is a need to promote web site and calendar – Bill Lee will take this up with MWG
- Form a review board from MWG before public marketing of web site and calendar
- MWG not willing to take ownership for review and changes, only for marketing final product
- Susan will send email asking for review and approval of calendar via OFABoard list to identify showstoppers to release
 - Website revamp completion and Organizational Assessment are separate items
- Working group chairs will be invited to attend and prepare report board meeting with one week's notice

Meeting adjourned