**OFA Board Meeting**

**June 15, 2017**

**11am Mountain**

1. Roll Call:

Board Members:

 At-Large / Jason Gunthorpe

 At-Large / Bob Noseworthy

**Broadcom / Eddie Wai**

**Cray/Paul Grun**

**HPE / Andy Riebs**

Huawei / Daqi Ren

**IBM / Bernard Metzler**

**Intel / Jim Pappas**

Jump Trading / Christoph Lameter

**LANL / Susan Coulter**

LLNL / Matt Leininger

**Mellanox / Gilad Shainer (Bill Lee)**

NetApp / David Dale

Oak Ridge / Scott Atchley

**Oracle / David Brean**

**Sandia / Michael Aguilar ~~Chris Beggio (use the name Michael Aguilar starting now)~~**

**Unisys / Lilia Weber**

Other Attendees

 **Intel / Divya Kolar**

 **OFA / Jim Ryan**

1. Approve Board minutes from 5/18/17: Andy Reibs (HPE) motioned and Lilia Weber (Unisys) seconded the motion.
2. Working Group Reports:

~~Paul Grun (Cray) made note that it works better for the note taker to receive information from each working group, before the meeting, so that any note-taker can put the information into the minutes and the agenda for others to read before the board meetings.~~ Susan Coulter (LANL) made note that she will take a more active role in communicating to the Working Groups our request for the information.

Bill Lee has made updates to the website for Executive information, our licensing policy, and for a form for trainers intending to deliver services to third parties. He eliminated inactive Working Groups. He would like everyone to verify that the website content is accurate.

EWG: Woody was not in attendance and there was no report from the working group.

MWG (Marketing Working Group): Bill states that the 2017 Open Fabrics Alliance Workshop cost OFA $123,762. The income from the workshop was $95,522. Therefore, there was a net loss to the Open Fabrics Alliance of $28,240. Included in the final tallies for the workshop was a check from LANL for $7,500.

 OFIWG: Release 1.5 for OFIWG is nearly ready.

DS/DA: Chet Douglas from Intel is working with the group, in discussions, to put Persistent Memory back into the working group. Open Fabrics Alliance has been invited to join with SNIA (The Storage Network Industry Association) and JEDEC (Joint Electron Device Engineering Council) to sponsor the Flash Memory Summit. Paul is working as a Chair representing the Open Fabrics Alliance. ~~Finally, the DSDA Working Group is looking for an API replacement for Verbs.~~

IWG (Interop Working Group): RedHat and SUSE are working towards becoming part of IWG. RedHat is in the middle of a review of contract updates with their legal team and we are awaiting a RedHat response. There are discussions with both RedHat and SUSE to decide what the IWG will eventually look like. Therefore, Susan would like more timely information from the IWG Working Group and Paul Boden.

1. Treasurers Report (Bill Lee): As of May 31, the Open Fabrics Alliance bank account carried a cash balance of **slightly less than $560,000 or ($359.441).** Fourteen out of fifteen promoters have paid their dues and Bill expects that the final promoter dues will be paid soon. Dues have been paid for 3 out of 3 Adopters, 5 Supporters, and 1 Individual. Five out of eight participants have paid their Plugfest dues and the 3 remaining participants should have their dues paid by the end of June.

Bill noted that we are paying our legal representation for invoices received from 2016. For the first quarter of 2016, the lawyer fees were $13,563. The legal team stated that they expect to charge us for services rendered for the remainder of 2016 of about 1/3 the amount for the 2016 First Quarter. Bill therefore expects that the total legal fees for 2016 will be ‘in the neighborhood’ of ~$17,500. Questions were raised about the fact that our legal representation is being very delayed in its billing. Because of legal billing delays, the 2017 budget did not carry projected expenses for legal representation.

The 2018 budget is nearly complete. The budget discussions included line-by-line income and outflows. The budget lists required expenditures to keep the OFA moving forward. The budget conversations included OFA software maintenance and support. The budget discussions included hosting a 1 day meeting for Linux maintainers and discussions about how OFA can offset the traveling expenses of maintainer. The board would like a list of activities and prices so we can put expenditures into the budget. Yet another discussion was about how do we fund or entice members to provide code? Finally, another discussion was, do we want to spend money on training programs of programs around that? The answer to the training question was no.

1. Officer Voting
	1. Chair Susan Coulter---The voting was a unanimous yes.
	2. Vice Chair Paul Grun -- The voting was a unanimous yes.
	3. Secretary Mike Aguilar -- The voting was a unanimous yes.
	4. Treasurer --- Open for now Susan, Paul and others will work on language for next board meeting
2. LANL Motion: LANL offered a motion for a mechanism to allow filling an officer vacancy. The concept of the motion was improved significantly through discussion; new wording will be presented for a vote at the next Board meeting, or sooner by email if there is a pressing need. The basics: A vacant officer position can be filled at any Board meeting, provided that one or more nominations are received within a certain window before that Board meeting.

Bill cannot fulfill the Treasurer duties beyond a few more months due to other commitments. Bill is graciously helping us out for a little longer. We need ~~a mechanism~~ to fill the Treasurer position. ~~Nominations need to be accepted and can be voted on for the next meeting.~~

~~The word “final” is in quotes is because while the wording is the final text we came to as a group, Paul asked for some off-line work to review the wording before it becomes truly “final”. This could take the form of an e-vote or a vote at the next Board meeting~~

1. OFA Projects – **We were unable to discuss this topic due to time constraints. We will table this discussion until the next XWG meeting.**

Continue the discussion around opportunities for the OFA to contribute to the wider community by supporting, via funding or other mechanisms, projects deemed of value to the OFA members as well as the wider community

1. Jim Ryan’s (OFA) contract—Jim Pappas (Intel) asked whether there was anything new with the funding of this position, explaining he has to manage the billing and PO process within Intel, to which Susan Coulter (LANL) responded that there was nothing new to report. Until the OFA gets the contract negotiations sorted out, Intel is continuing to provide funding. Intel has provide a PO for Q3 and Q4. Jim made note that Q3 items cannot be billed until July 1, 2017.