**OFA XWG Meeting**

**Nov 29, 2018**

**10am Pacific Time**

* Roll Call:

Board Members:

 **At-Large / Harold Cook**

Broadcom / Eddie Wai

**Cray/Paul Grun**

**HPE / John Byrne**

Huawei / Daqi Ren

IBM / Bernard Metzler

**Intel / Divya Kolar**

**Jump Trading / Christoph Lameter**

LANL / Parks Fields

**LLNL / Matt Leininger**

**Mellanox / Gilad Shainer**

**NetApp / David Dale**

Oak Ridge / Scott Atchley

**Red Hat / Doug Ledford**

Sandia / Mike Aguilar

Also present:

LANL/Jesse Martinez

Mellanox/Bill Lee

**OFA/Jim Ryan**

Intel/Paul Bowden

Intel/Bob Woodruff

* Approve XWG minutes from **11/1/18**
* A motion to approved the minutes from 1 November was made by John. A second to the motion was made by Christoph. Unanimous
* Report out from the recent Linux Plumbers’ Conference – Doug L.

Mini-conference on RDMA

* + The OFA supported the mini-conference as a t-shirt sponsor
	+ Doug described this as a full-day session focused on subjects such as resolving problems getting code upstream; very valuable element related to LPC
	+ Doug explained the LPC is very different from the OFA Workshop and suggested we shouldn’t try to emulate it
	+ People are dismayed with the fact there’s no easy way to experiment with RDMA and learn about it without buying hardware
	+ A solution could be to create a cluster on a laptop, virtual components, soft-iWARP or soft-RoCE. Soft-RoCE was written by Bob Pearson for exactly this reason
	+ Doug has taken this on as a personal project, hopes to be ready in time for the Workshop. At least 2 others in Red Hat are working on soft-RoCE
	+ Christoph: cloud-based environment for testing and pushing out patches would be helpful; could we fund? The cost is estimated to be $10K. Christoph is going to work with colleagues to come up with additional details
	+ Doug suggested creating relatively tightly-focused tutorials on a variety of topics related to RDMA
* Workshop update
* Technical Program Committee – Jim R
	+ A presentation was distributed with the meeting agenda and was reviewed here.
	+ Key is the TPC just worked on an initial set of Meet the Experts and BoF topics; next up is the challenge of Keynotes
* Logistics – Divya
	+ Call for Sessions went out 11/9 open through 1/18 (all this info is on the website)
	+ Early bird discount ends 2/26
	+ Room have been reserved in two nearby hotels
* GDPR, new privacy policy, prepare for upcoming Board vote – Jim R
	+ A presentation was sent out with the meeting agenda and reviewed here
	+ The net is we have a new privacy policy that is GDPR compliant but meets our business needs
	+ There will be a vote at the next Board meeting to adopt this
* SC-19 – possible BoF and Workshop? – Mike Aguilar (deferred because Mike isn’t available this week)
	+ Paul explained the deadline for some kinds of proposals is relatively near, so we need to be thinking about this now
* Discussion – UCF Consortium, OpenRDMA.org ([www.ucfconsortium.org](http://www.ucfconsortium.org/)) – Paul G
	+ Paul became aware of this fairly recently and wanted to make the Board/XWG aware of it. UCF is holding organization for UCX openRDMA. This is something worth watching and we should make efforts to communicate with them
	+ Gilad asserted that OpenRDMA doesn’t compete with the OFA because it is not doing new development. This is incorrect because the OFA’s mission is not limited to development.  Our mission is to accelerate the development and adoption of (e.g. RDMA).  No good argument was offered for why OpenRDMA should not be hosted by the OFA under the auspices of the existing OFVWG (which was originally requested by MLNX and is currently chaired by MLNX).
	+ The OFA was originally formed specifically to foster the development, support, and adoption of RDMA and stands ready to continue doing so.  Nothing about that has changed in our mission.
	+ Paul questioned why this approach was instead of using the OFA? Gilad explained the mission was different; not specs or development, rather help and support for the community
* Date for next Board meeting – Paul G: December 13
* Motion to adjourn: Doug, second: Paul