**OFA XWG Meeting**

**February 23, 2017**

**11am Mountain**

1. Roll Call:

Board Members:

**Broadcom / Eddie Wai**

**Cray/Paul Grun**

HPE / Zarka Cvetanovic

Huawei / Daqi Ren

**IBM / Bernard Metzler**

**Intel / Jim Pappas**

Jump Trading / Christoph Lameter

**LANL / Susan Coulter**

**LLNL / Matt Leininger**

**Mellanox / Gilad Shainer**

NetApp / David Dale

Oak Ridge / Scott Atchley

**Oracle / David Brean**

Sandia / Chris Beggio

Unisys / Lilia Weber

Also present:

Intel / Paul Bowden

LANL / Parks Fields

1. Approval of minutes from meeting on 2/9
2. Intel funding / Special Projects / Executive Director
* Susan reviewed the history of the ED position
* She proposes changing the name of the position to ‘Special Projects Coordinator’, reflecting the role that Jim actually fulfills.
* Paul (and Susan) observed that his nomination for election as chair was conditioned on having someone to lift a significant part of the projects work, and on having access to a source of institutional knowledge. These are critical to keeping the continuity of the Alliance intact.
* Susan reports that she has the email thread with our lawyer confirming that the existing SoW, covering Intel’s special contribution, is entirely within the law.
* Gilad concurs with the need to support the Chair, but expresses concern that one Promoter is contributing more financial backing than other Promoters.
* Paul agrees, and points out that the current situation (Intel’s special contribution) is temporary, and was designed as an 18 month bridge.
* JimP points out that Intel has been making a similar contribution over the course of the history of the organization as an ‘in-kind’ contribution in the form of JimR’s salary.
* Parks – aren’t we just kicking the can down the road?
	+ Answer – yes, but the road ends at the end of CY 2017. Which is why we are insisting on beginning an important budget discussion beginning right after the workshop. One of the topics at the workshop is intended to be an examination of the future of the OFA, which is expected to strongly influence that budget discussion.
* Susan suggests beginning the discussion about the Board’s view of the OFA’s purpose at the next XWG meeting.
* Paul requests that we take up the topic of the mechanics of nominating and electing At Large members as the first agenda item, since that’s time critical w.r.t. the workshop.
1. At-large member nomination and voting process

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