

**OFA XWG Meeting
November 2, 2017
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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 / Divya Kolar
Jump Trading / Christoph Lameter
LANL / Susan Coulter
LLNL / Matt Leininger
Mellanox / Gilad Shainer
NetApp / David Dale
Oak Ridge / Scott Atchley
Oracle / David Brean
Sandia / Mike Aguilar
Unisys / Lilia Weber

Also present:

LANL/Jesse Martinez
OFA/Jim Ryan
Intel/Divya Kolar
Intel/Paul Bowden
LANL/Parks Fields
Intel/Bob Woodruff

2. Approve XWG minutes from 10/26

- The XWG postponed voting on approval of the 26 October minutes.

3. Meetings scheduled during SC17 and Thanksgiving

- The OFA Board meeting for 16 November will be moved to 30 November.
The XWG meeting from 23 November will be cancelled.

4. OFA's purpose

4.1. Interview results

- The objective for OpenFabrics Alliance interviews was to develop an updated mission for the OFA. The interviewee was told that the

information would be held in an NDA manner. The results were abstracted and compiled.

4.2. Town hall readout

- The takeaways were that the OFA has tremendous value because the organization drives collaboration, brings a focus on RDMA that is missing in the kernel community, and is the best place for broad industry discussion.
- Some members are dependent upon OpenFabrics software as a good reference point. The OpenFabrics Alliance software development is an important activity for members.
- It appears that the OpenFabrics Alliance is needing to increase visibility and credibility with the open source community. The Workshop is important to the OpenFabrics Alliance.

4.3. Mission discussion

- Moving forward with a new mission is critical to the OpenFabrics Alliance.
- The OpenFabrics Alliance may be broad enough to include network fabric improvement and allow writing of network fabric specifications.
- There will be a focus to answering questions of who, what, how, and why. We want to create a boundary for what we want to have the OFA do.
- A list of questions to answer will be provided to the XWG members for the XWG meeting on 9 November 2017.
- A draft Mission Statement and the Mission Statement step slides will be provided to the XWG members so that we can review them for the 9 November 2017 meeting.