

OFA XWG Meeting Minutes
January 12, 2017
11am Mountain

1. Roll Call:

Board Members:

Intel / Jim Pappas
LANL / Susan Coulter
Mellanox / Gilad Shainer
NetApp / David Dale
Oak Ridge / Scott Atchley
Sandia / Chris Beggio

Also present:

Intel / Divya
OFA / Jim Ryan

2. Approval of minutes from meeting on 1/5

- Append change to board meeting date
- Scott moves to approve
- Giald seconds
- Minutes approved with changes

3. Old Business:

- EWG / dual license
 - Email thread including Woody with questions to counsel
 - Result of questions in below “Licensing Questions,” should allow proceeding with next version of OFED
- Interop
 - Red Hat should be able to participate
- Causeway / Protected repository
 - Chris Beggio to propose presentation
- Open-ness of Board and XWG meetings
 - This will be taken up as vote at future board meeting
- Budget – Main functions
 - Maintainer Support
 - Detail below “Maintainer Funding Proposal”
 - Executive Director
 - Annual Conference
 - InterOp / Logo testing
 - Operational
 - Web site
 - Easy chair
 - General online presence needs to improve
 - Linux Foundation as business operations arm
 - Nerius as marketing/advertising arm
 - Operational budget should be broken down further as result of OFA role discussion

4. New Business

- Annual conference 3/27-3/31

- Low attendee registration thus far
 - Bill Lee asks board members to advertise conference
- Membership page needs to be updated
 - Emulex is still listed as promoter
 - Broadcom name change
- Laboratory logos
 - Nat'l Labs logos not present
 - Sandia needs to ask about submitting logo for conference and listing
 - Scott will ask about Oakridge
- Official name of OFA: OpenFabrics Incorporated, DBA OpenFabrics Alliance
 - Administration of name/DBA should be reviewed and possibly drives changes to letterhead, etc
- Role of OFA as part of community
 - Guiding voice for IB community
 - Host of annual conference
 - Discussion for future meeting
 - Session at 2017 OFA workshop to ask question of community
- Future discussion of bylaws needs to incorporate result of OFA role discussion and subsequent budget item enumeration
- No meeting next Thursday 1/19
- Meeting adjourned

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Maintainer Funding Proposal:

Provide funding for up to 2 face-to-face meetings per year in support of OFS maintenance.

These meetings would be a maximum of 2 days.

These meetings would be by invitation only per Doug's discretion.

The OFA would pay for the conference room and associated amenities.

The OFA would negotiate reduced rates at the hotel.

The OFA would provide financial assistance to Doug Ledford for travel expenses, not to exceed \$500 per meeting.

The OFA would consider financial assistance for other attendees on a case-by-case basis for the expressed purpose of representing the OFA, not to exceed \$500 per meeting.

Who in the OFA is the responsible party? MWG handles this for OFA.
Was there any discussion with Doug Ledford? Yes.
Does Doug need the OFA financial assistance to attend?
There should be a “not to exceed” clause for expenses.
Make a distinction between meeting facilitation and travel assistance.

Licensing Questions

Summary Statement: OFED is distributed as a source tarball - that tarball includes a small number files that are GPL only. Those GPL only files are all part of the RDMA subsystem in the kernel. A few of those GPL only files are >required< to build a functioning OpenFabrics(-based) product. OFED builds the RDMA kernel subsystem code as loadable kernel modules, not statically linked into the kernel.

Q1: If someone builds OFED for a Linux OS, as downloaded without any added files of their own creation, is the result GPL?

Q2: If someone builds OFED for a Linux OS, including additional files/libraries that are dual licensed - is the result GPL?

Q2A: Does the answer change depending on whether the additional files are source code or binary blobs ?

Q2B: Does the answer change depending on whether the dual-licensed files are built as loadable kernel modules or statically linked into the kernel ?

Q3: If someone builds OFED for a Linux OS without any of the GPL files, either by removing them from the build process or clean-rooming those files, is the result GPL?

Q4: If someone downloads OFED, changes the kernel files to allow for use by an OS other than Linux and includes the GPL only files as part of the build for that non-Linux OS, is the result GPL?