

OFA XWG Meeting
April 13, 2017
11am Mountain

1. Roll Call:

Board Members:

At-Large / Jason Gunthorpe
At-Large / Bob Noseworthy
Broadcom / Eddie Wai
Cray/Paul Grun
HPE / Andy Reibs
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 / Woody Woodruff
Mellanox / Bill Lee
Sandia / Mike Aguilar
OFA / Jim Ryan
LANL / Parks Fields
Intel / Divya

2. Approval of minutes from meeting on 3/9
- LANL moves to approve
 - Intel Seconds
 - Minutes approved
3. Arbitration Chair for InterOp / Parks Fields
- Parks Fields has agreed to be arbitration chair
 - InterOp starts May 1
4. OFED 4.8 approval / Dual License / roll call for level of concern at BoD meeting ?
- Email vote for 4.8 approval has been rejected
 - The vote for approval for release of OFED
 - The board needs to communicate their acceptance that this issue is solved
 - Jason Gunthorpe asserts that much of OFED user space code is not dual license
 - The licensing of many components is not clear, and this violates bylaws
 - The issue of how to deal with this needs to be resolved
 - The list of tainted files should be included with distribution, if possible
 - The near term and far term solutions are different

- The solution may require the definition of Open Fabrics software
 - The bylaws revision depends on this issue being resolved or not being an issue anymore
 - If OFED is not OFS, then there is no dual-license issue
 - The board can possibly vote to change the relationship of OFED to OFS, more easily than continually voting to violate the bylaws
 - Board members are encouraged to read the relevant sections of the bylaws
 - The bylaws can be amended to omit licensing requirements; however, the bylaws will be renewed wholesale
 - There may be a motion to resolve this by the next board meeting
5. InterOp – discuss/agree on test framework(s) we want UNH-IOL to adopt
- Bringing in Linux distros
 - Suse and Red Hat use different IDE, continuous integration, and testing environments
 - OFA will fund UNH-IOL to integrate and learn frameworks
 - UNH-IOL is working to provide results in a timely manner
 - UNH-IOL prefers to use a distribution agnostic and python-based customized software stack for testing and reporting
 - Discussion will be tabled until UNH-IOL is ready for inter-distribution testing
 - What do the distributions gain? Alpha and Beta testing of their distros with hardware
 - Doug Ledford hopes to get functional testing out of the process
 - Detailed conversation continues at IWG meeting
 - OFA is considering financial support of effort
6. Bylaws
- Discuss officers and terms
 - Paul Grun Bylaws Update Project – Corporation Officers slides
 - Motions
 - Cray - Define the Officers
 - LANL - Officer terms
 - Cray - Nominations and voting
 - Cray - Eligibility and succession
 - Cray - Member meetings
 - Cray – Conduct of board meetings
 - Motions to be submitted at next board meeting
 - Mellanox suggests a motion to include an indemnification clause for directors as well as officers (direct agents)
 - Ref: bylaws section 21.6 indemnifies officers, not directors
 - Ref: bylaws section 21.5
 - Term limits are not included
 - Individual bylaws amendments are compiled as a series of motions, to be compiled and revised wholesale, rather than a rewrite of the bylaws with each amendment
 - Should XWG meetings include corporate votes?

7. Meeting adjourned

8. Not discussed - Budget planning for 2018
 - 8.1. What is the right amount of “on-hand” funds?
 - 8.2. Special Projects Coordinator funding (previously Executive Director)
9. Not discussed - Removing old repos from OFA site
10. Not discussed - Should the OFA sent representatives to industry Conferences / Workshops?
 - Who pays for the travel
 - Which conferences