

**OFA XWG Meeting
December 14, 2017
11am Mountain**

1. Roll Call:

Board Members:

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

Also present:

LANL/Jesse Martinez
Mellanox/Bill Lee
OFA/Jim Ryan
Intel/Paul Bowden
LANL/Parks Fields
Intel/Bob Woodruff

2. Approve XWG minutes from 12/14

- A motion to approved the minutes from 14 December was made by: Paul Grun (Cray). The motion was seconded by Divya Kolar (Intel). The minutes were unanimously approved.

3. InterOp Testing and the IWG

- A 6 month contract was signed with UNH-IOL to perform InterOp testing. UNH-IOL will be charging the OpenFabrics Alliance \$90,0000. Due to an accounting oversight, a \$31k surplus was discovered when calculating the cost versus income for the 2017 InterOp. That surplus was used to offset the cost to participants for the planned 2018 InterOp. Invoices have been sent to the 5 participating organizations.

4. Mission / Purpose discussion

- The XWG began a detailed discussion designed to lead the XWG/Board toward consensus about the OFA's current mission.

- This discussion, when concluded, is expected to be the near-culmination of the project to re-structure the OFA’s Bylaws.
- The process agreed to by the XWG is to hold detailed, interactive discussions on the four elements that comprise a good mission statement which are:
 - What is it that we do?
 - Who is it for?
 - How does the OFA do what it does?
 - What is the value of what the OFA does?
- This meeting focused on a discussion of the OFA’s value. There was a lively discussion with many points of view being exchanged, but no conclusion as of yet. There was general agreement that one value of the OFA is to accelerate the development and adoption of fabric technologies to enable portable solutions. That will be the starting point for further refinement.
- **It was agreed that the discussion would resume by focusing next on the “What do we do?” question.** It is expected that we will iterate through the four questions as needed, **including further refinements to the strawman answer to the “What is the value of the OFA?” question.**
 - **The current iteration of the strawman answer, after our first set of discussions of the value of the OFA, provides us with:** *Our value is that we accelerate the development and adoption of fabric technologies to enable portable solutions.*
- **The discussion is expected to continue in following XWG/Board meetings – all XWG and Board members are encouraged to make it a point to attend and participate.**