

**OFA XWG Meeting  
January 25, 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 / 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 / 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 1/11

- A motion to approved the minutes from 11 January was made by: Paul Grun (Cray). The motion was seconded by Scott Atchley (ORNL). The minutes were unanimously approved.

3. Redhat is joining the OpenFabrics Alliance as a Promoter Member.

4. Mission

- The XWG continued 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 that we do?
  - Who is it for?
  - How does the OFA do what it does?
  - What is the value of what the OFA does?
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- **This meeting focused on a discussion of what the OFA does.** There was a lively discussion with many points of view being exchanged. It is expected that we will iterate through the four questions as needed.
  
  - **The current iteration of the strawman answer of what the OFA does, provides us with:** *We drive technology by fostering open source software development.*
    - **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.**