

Hello OFA MWG,

Below is a summary of our last MWG call. Please let us know if you have any questions.

Thanks,

Allison

Attendees:

Paul Grun, Cray

Divya Kolar, Intel

Jim Ryan, OFA

Joe Balich, Nereus

Allison Barry, Nereus

Karli McCann, VTM Events

Minutes: OFA MWG Call – 4/18/2019

Agenda

- OFA Workshop 2019
 - Review Post Mortem Report – attached
 - Finalized MWG recommendations, including:
 - Location (co-locating)
 - Awaiting co-location exploratory efforts
 - Location (alternative venue)
 - MWG recommendation is to pursue other viable alternative venue options with emphasis on cost reduction, while also vetting options with UT- Austin
 - **AR: VTM Events** to extend decision deadline with UT Austin
 - **AR: Nereus** to update slide with TAC
 - Program length
 - Very well received
 - MWG recommendation is to keep workshop length at 2.5 days or shorten further to 2 days
 - Program (collaborative activities / networking)
 - Collaborative activities were well received
 - RDMA tutorial was very popular
 - MWG recommendation is to continue collaborative activities and to continue to build upon these activities
 - Program (agenda)
 - Publish agenda/schedule earlier
 - MWG recommendation is to set an earlier agenda publication deadline, jumpstart TPC a month earlier, keep topic category tracks separate days top-of-mind during agenda creation
 - A/V
 - Secure a full-time A/V support person to address issues in real-time

- MWG recommendation is to continue with existing A/V setup and slide-management regime, consider full-time A/V support in 2020 (if cost effective)
 - Food and beverage
 - MWG recommendation is that F&B option will be determined by MWG after venue selection
 - Misc notes:
 - MWG recommendation is to explore additional room/floor options at UT-Austin, keep networking/meeting rooms top-of-mind if moving forward on new location, review possibility to reduce fees, slightly increase lodging room block
 - **AR: MWG** to present 2020 Workshop Post Mortem to OFA Board and XWG and provide feedback
- OFA Workshop 2020
 - No Bay Area-based universities available with events that Workshop could be co-located with
 - Review OSU option – attached
 - The Blackwell at OSU mitigates the issue of not having lodging onsite of the event
 - There are more/better ad hoc meeting spaces and room layouts
 - Possible dates include:
 - March 31- April 1, 2020
 - April 6-8, 2020
 - **AR: MWG** to confirm preferred dates once co-location exploratory efforts are completed
- Opens:
 - None