

**OFA Board Meeting
July 21, 2016
11am Mountain**

1. Roll Call:

Board Members:

Cray/Paul Grun
HPE / Zarka Cvetanovic
IBM / Bernard Metzler
Intel / Jim Pappas
LANL / Susan Coulter
Mellanox / Gilad Shainer
NetApp / David Dale
Oracle / David Brean
Sandia / Chris Beggio
Unisys / Bill Weber

Also present:

Independent / Jim Ryan
Intel / Paul Bowden
Intel / Woody Woodruff co-chair EWG

2. Training Materials Update

2.1. Mid-August for training materials presentation materials update

3. Financial Update

- Bank balance \$366K
 - Oracle mistakenly sent \$25K
 - OFA deposited the check and returned a check for refund
 - There is an open question as to whether or not Oracle will deposit refund
 - David Brean will follow-up
 - What is a comfortable OFA reserves balance for buffer? We should know this.
 - The transfer of knowledge between Bill Boas and Bill Lee is still not complete
 - A top priority is completing the budget to understand revenue and expenses
 - The reserve balance amount will be a result of a comprehensive budget review

4. Working Group reports

- We do not have reviews from each group
 - Paul Grun OFI

- On track
- Working through normal git hub issues
- End of year release may break backward compatibility
- Changes to libfabric to support NVM
 - Taken to IBTA
 - Pay attention to IBTA such that verbs and libfabric do not diverge
 - Dropping NVM in lieu of persistent memory
 - NVMe block storage protocol to access persistent memory devices
 - Would like to extend interface to generic OFI
- Woody EWG
 - Finished 3.18-2 to support distros and user space packages
 - What is next? New release to support upstream kernel features
 - iWarp driver, ROCE, ROCE v2
 - Will target 4.8 Linux kernel source
 - Working on backports and RCs
- Verbs
 - No report
- IWG
 - No report
- TAC
 - No report
- Future working group minutes will be included as email report to scribe for transcription to minutes

5. Funding the Executive Director position

- Chair believes that we should accept Intel's offer of funding for ED position
 - OFA is in need of the funding
 - The OFA should trust Jim Ryan to act in an unbiased way in the best interest of OFA
 - Paul Grun agrees that Jim will act in best interest of OFA
 - We have checks and balances
 - Gilad has expressed disagreement of accepting Intel's offer
 - We should characterize this offer as bridge funding for 18 months of ED position funding
 - Mellanox asserts that Jim Ryan may promote Intel agenda
 - Mellanox asserts that funding is intended to pay for a specific person, and that it would not be ok for Mellanox to fund their own person
 - Mellanox asserts that OFA can fund ED position for three months
 - IBM agrees that the appearances of Intel funding former Intel employee

- Mellanox believes that OFA should operate in accordance with bylaws, and this is not a matter of trust
- Cray asserts that OFA has operated on an informal basis for a long time without elections according to bylaws
- Cray asserts that we do not have the budget in control enough to turn down the funding offer
- LANL asserts that this is something that we can accept
- Mellanox asserts that this is not free money, and bias is unavoidable
- The appearances are that Intel is manipulating the OFA through the funding of the ED position
- Intel / Jim Pappas The dysfunction within OFA is stagnating the outcome of this decision; the OFA does not have the financial resources to fund ED position or to sustain a healthy organization
- Woody Woodruff asserts that Intel funds many organizations to promote ecosystem of Linux
- The Intel offer is only temporary to fund the ED position, and is not permanent or indefinite
- The budget exercise should take only three months
- The chair believes that a motion should be put forth on this issue that should also include a limited term and legal review contingency
- Susan moves that OFA accept funding at \$35000/quarter to be reviewed every quarter for a total of 18 months pending legal review
- Cray seconds

Motion to accept funding at \$35000/quarter to be reviewed every quarter for a total of 18 months pending legal review

Cray/Paul Grun yes
 HPE / Zarka Cvetanovic yes
 IBM / Bernard Metzler abstain
 Intel / Jim Pappas yes
 LANL / Susan Coulter yes
 Mellanox / Gilad Shainer nay
 NetApp / David Dale yes
 Oracle / David Brean abstain
 Sandia / Chris Beggio yes
 Unisys / Bill Weber abstain

Yes – 6
 Nay – 1
 Abstentions - 3

Motion passes pending legal review

Meeting adjourned