

OFA Board Meeting Minutes
August 18, 2016
11am Mountain

1. Roll Call:

Board Members:

Cray/Paul Grun
HPE / Zarka Cvetanovic
IBM / Bernard Metzler
Jump Trading / Christoph Lameter
LANL / Susan Coulter
Mellanox / Gilad Shainer
NetApp / David Dale
Oak Ridge / Scott Atchley
Oracle / David Brean
Sandia / Chris Beggio
Unisys / Bill Weber

Also present:

OFA / Jim Ryan
Mellanox / Bill Lee
Intel / Woody Woodruff
Intel / Fred Zhang
LANL / Parks Fields

2. Approval of Minutes from 7/21 board meeting

- Minutes approved with Bernard Metzler's modifications

3. Calendar

- <https://openfabrics.org/index.php/ofa-calendar.html>
- Publicly available now
- Users should send feedback and corrections to Jim Ryan
- A/R: Clearly define which meetings are open and which are closed

4. Training Materials Update

- Jim Ryan highlights
- Training presentation provided to team
- Question to board – three proposals
 - (1) Training materials available to top two membership tiers with non-profit use only caveat
 - (2) Available free to all OFA members with non-profit use only caveat
 - (3) Available to all with non-profit use only caveat
 - Originally, training materials were developed for third-party training of potential users of OFA software
 - One of the reasons for charging is to recover non-trivial development charges

- An argument for making it available to all OFA members is to encourage membership and recover costs, and not penalize certain classes of members
- Available to all for free to broaden scope of awareness of code, usage of code, and encourage membership
- Expose to all as OpenSource software, with ability to use and modify, but not use for profit
- Training from open source software vendors is generally not free
- OFA does not want to be in the business of providing training, but a company that supports members that provide training
- OFA could provide training materials free for all, but create a charge model for those that will resell training
- OFA provide free for all members, and allow members to charge for training services
- Customers will not join as a result of training, but for other reasons
- Levels of training

Vote for preferred option

Cray/Paul Grun – available to members
 HPE / Zarka Cvetanovic - available to all
 IBM / Bernard Metzler - available to all
 LANL / Susan Coulter - available to all
 Mellanox / Gilad Shainer - available to all
 NetApp / David Dale - available to all
 Oak Ridge / Scott Atchley - available to members
 Oracle / David Brean - available to all
 Sandia / Chris Beggio - available to members
 Unisys / Bill Weber – available to all
 Jump Trading / Christoph Lameter- available to all
 Intel / Woody Woodruff - available to members

5. Binding vote as guidance to board
 - Available free for all subject to legal review and licensing
 - Motion carries
6. Software portal modifications
 - We may need a small group for direct changes
 - OFIWG input needed as well as other working groups
 - Jim Ryan will put out a call to OFABoardPlus to recruit input to software portal mods
7. Treasurers Report
 - July ending balance \$379,400
 - On track to end the year with ~\$287K
8. Working Group reports
 - OFIWG – Paul Grun - work continues smoothly toward an anticipated major release at the end of CY2016. This release is planned to break ABI compatibility, hence care is being taken to ensure all relevant open issues are addressed before hand. The OFIWG is planning to review Intel’s proposed extensions to libfabric for NVM

- DS/DA – Paul Grun - completed its review of Intel’s proposed extensions to libfabric/kfabric for NVM. No major issues found. The proposal now goes to OFIWG for review of possible impacts to libfabric. Discussed directional thinking concerning how a libfabric/kfabric stack could merge with NVMe.
- EWG – Woody Woodruff
 - OFED-3.18-2 is the latest stable release. The EWG has decided for the next OFED to move up to the latest kernel, Kernel.org 4.8 that is currently under development. The backporting will begin following release of kernel.org 4.8 RC2 with a first daily build of OFED-4.8 to be released shortly thereafter. OFED-4.8 will continue to support the latest SLES 12 and RHEL 7.x kernels but will drop support for SLES 11 and RHEL 6 series kernels due to the difficulties in backporting 4.8 to those older distro kernels.

9. Bylaws

- Taken up at next meeting as only agenda item

Meeting adjourned