**OFA XWG Meeting**

**January 12, 2017**

**11am Mountain**

1. Roll Call:

Board Members:

Broadcom / Eddie Wai

Cray/Paul Grun

HPE / Zarka Cvetanovic

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 / Chris Beggio

Unisys / Lilia Weber

Also present:

1. Approval of minutes from meeting on 1/5
2. Old Business:
   1. EWG / dual license
   2. Causeway / Protected repository
   3. Open-ness of Board and XWG meetings
   4. Budget – Main functions
      1. Maintainer Support
      2. Executive Director
      3. Annual Conference
      4. InterOp / Logo testing
      5. Operational
3. New Business
   1. Laboratory logos

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Maintainer Funding Proposal:

Provide funding for up to 2 face-to-face meetings per year in support of OFS maintenance.

These meetings would be a maximum of 2 days.

These meetings would be by invitation only per Doug’s discretion.

The OFA would pay for the conference room and associated amenities.

The OFA would negotiate reduced rates at the hotel.

The OFA would provide financial assistance to Doug Ledford for travel expenses, not to exceed $500 per meeting.

The OFA would consider financial assistance for other attendees on a case-by-case basis for the expressed purpose of representing the OFA, not to exceed $500 per meeting.

Licensing Questions

Summary Statement: OFED is distributed as a source tarball - that tarball includes a small number files that are GPL only. Those GPL only files are all part of the RDMA subsystem in the kernel. A few of those GPL only files are >required< to build a functioning OpenFabrics(-based) product. OFED builds the RDMA kernel subsystem code as loadable kernel modules, not statically linked into the kernel.

Q1:  If someone builds OFED for a Linux OS, as downloaded without any added files of their own creation, is the result GPL?

Q2:  If someone builds OFED for a Linux OS, including additional files/libraries that are dual licensed - is the result GPL?

Q2A:  Does the answer change depending on whether the additional files are source code or binary blobs ?

Q2B:  Does the answer change depending on whether the dual-licensed files are built as loadable kernel modules or statically linked into the kernel ?

Q3:  If someone builds OFED for a Linux OS without any of the GPL files, either by removing them from the build process or clean-rooming those files, is the result GPL?

Q4:  If someone downloads OFED, changes the kernel files to allow for use by an OS other than Linux and includes the GPL only files as part of the build for that non-Linux OS, is the result GPL?