

OFA XWG Meeting
May 25, 2017
11am Mountain

1. Roll Call Present in **bold**:

Board Members:

At-Large / Jason Gunthorpe
At-Large / Bob Noseworthy
Broadcom / Eddie Wai
Cray/Paul Grun
HPE / Andy Reibs
Huawei / Daqi Ren
IBM / Bernard Metzler
Intel / Jim Pappas
Jump Trading / Christoph Lameter
LANL / Susan Coulter
LLNL / Matt Leininger
Mellanox / Bill Lee
NetApp / David Dale
Oak Ridge / Scott Atchley
Oracle / David Brean
Sandia / Michael Aguilar
Unisys / Lilia Weber

Also present:

OFA / Jim Ryan
LANL / Parks Fields
Intel / Divya Kolar

2. Approval of minutes from meeting on 5/11

2.1. Motion to approve LANL, second Intel; unanimous

3. OFED/OFS

- 3.1. Susan reported 1:1 conversations with some Promoters are being arranged, with the initial plan being participation by Susan, Paul and Jim.
- 3.2. Discussion topics could include things like how OFED is made available and so on.
- 3.3. Things may change but only after the interviews and thoughtful review.
- 3.4. Susan hopes there may be some results to share as soon as the June Board meeting.
- 3.5. Corporate users are being prioritized for the first round of interviews, because we think we have a good grasp on labs' needs. The labs may be added in phase 2.
- 3.6. Volunteers are welcome to request being added to the list to help us understand the value of OFED moving forward.
- 3.7. JimP suggests Woody should be involved and Susan welcomed this development.

4. InterOp

4.1. Starting weekly meetings with UNH-IOL and the IWG.

4.1.1. One of the topics will be a review our 11-year-old agreement. One objective is to separate boilerplate from the "what are we actually doing for you" verbiage. Adding provisions for newly considered interop testing with

the distros. Suse and RH are both interested, and in discussion. Bob Noseworthy has the AR to take a first pass at this -- something he does routinely for a number of clients.

- 4.1.2. New test frameworks are being reviewed for use – idea is to make testing easier for distros Jason asked whether the test framework will be open source or proprietary to UNH-IOL? May want to replicate testing locally. Susan thinks this should be made possible, sounds like a bit more work may be needed. May also be of value to contribute tests. This'll be added to contract discussions as a benefit to members
 - 4.1.3. Bill as Treasurer reports \$140K current annual charge is not sufficient for needed equipment upgrades. In response to a question from JimP, Bill clarified it was a one-time request? However, it also sounds like the current agreement doesn't cover upgrades and it should.
 - 4.1.4. Also, OEMs have contributed clusters in the past and Susan is investigating a donation by LANL
 - 4.1.5. Susan reminds training was to have been a revenue source in the past and that never worked out
5. Budget
- 5.1. Susan reported we are going to aggressively pursue a formal budget process for 2018, something we haven't done for a long time. A few of us are taking a first cut at requirements vs. nice to have, then dig into ways to operate more efficiently, then bring this to Board around July or August.
 - 5.2. As we all know we have no Treasurer at the moment, so Bill has agreed to continue on another month or two to help us get through this
6. Bylaws
- 6.1. Susan has drafted some wording for how to deal with open positions as suggested by Gilad recently. Susan will give draft wording to Paul who is developing some other wording, will come in as a package.
 - 6.2. Finished directors and officers, now need vacancies and definition of "good standing" and related.
 - 6.3. Again, anyone who wishes may make their own motions or proposals; not exclusively Paul's domain
7. Removing old repos from OFA site
- 7.1. Susan doesn't want us to forget this issue exists. Ken would do the actual deletion, but we need to decide what to do with components.
 - 7.2. Susan is studying elements now to see how many are candidates for removal. RDMA Core is now the official repository, so important to remove elements that can cause confusion.
8. OFA representation at industry Conferences / Workshops
- 8.1. Consideration of this will be an ongoing effort led by MWG.
 - 8.2. The MWG team has access to a good deal of info on events.
 - 8.3. Looking at other conference dates to consider coinciding or avoiding. No decision on which or how many yet.

Susan on vacation first half of June, assume Paul will lead