

OFA XWG Meeting Minutes
March 9, 2017
11am Mountain

1. Roll Call:

Board Members:

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 / Gilad Shainer

NetApp / David Dale

Oak Ridge / Scott Atchley

Oracle / David Brean

Sandia / Chris Beggio

Unisys / Lilia Weber

Also present:

OFA / Jim Ryan

2. Approval of minutes from meeting on 2/2/17 & 3/2/17

- Cray moves to approve minutes
- Intel seconds
 - Minutes approved for 2/2/17 and 3/2/17

3. Town hall scheduled at workshop

- Members should be encouraged to consider why OFA matters to them to participate in a discussion
- Town hall will be Thursday of workshop

4. Still need Arbitration Chair for InterOp

- Paul has performed this role in the past
- There is an established process for arbitration
- Impartiality is important
- If vendor receives a poor rating during InterOp, arbitration may be requested
- Interested party should contact Susan or Paul to communicate interest

5. Bylaws

- Concern related to acting on parts of the new bylaws not yet adopted will be discussed formally at the Board meeting 3/16.
 - We need to accept variance from bylaws or change the process prior to board meeting of 3/16

- Discuss process for nominations and voting for At-large Directors. A review of status from last week can be a starting point for discussion.
 - Nominations: Can be accepted anytime up to and including Annual General Meeting (AGM). Nominee must be present.
 - Nominations at the conference
 - Voting: Three options for who can vote
 - One vote per attendee (straw poll results: 2)
 - One vote per member company (straw poll results: 4)
 - One vote per attending company (straw poll results: 2)
 - Arguments for each: option 1 allows broader community to have influence over at-large representation; opposing view is that the attendance is too far weighted toward one or two companies; option 3 is a compromise between everyone voting and only one delegate from member companies voting
 - Control over election is one reason why are we limiting voting to attendees at the workshop
 - Mellanox encourages bylaw revision before proceeding with change of board
 - Intel encourages one vote per company for appearances, but change should occur sooner than later
 - Mellanox also suggests nominations at conference, but voting after the conference
 - NetApp suggests nominations at conference but voting after and one vote per company
 - Sandia suggests nominations at conference but possible voting afterward, but only under controlled and bounded circumstances
 - Cray suggests one vote per company, and no voting after the conference as there is no value to do so, bylaws may not be the deciding factor in changing the board, and that the ground rules for changing the bylaws should be flexible to account for dynamic process
 - LANL strongly supports additional board members, and the inability of the board to affect to change bylaws may deter outside participation
 - Jump Trading suggests that viability and relevance of OFA continues to be suspect by kernel development community, and the external perception of OFA is that it is dysfunctional and non-representative
 - The decision about whether or not to hold the vote at the workshop is still pending
 - There is a possibility that non-present companies can vote?
 - Not discussed - Voting: Secret ballot or not
 - Not discussed - Voting: Would like to begin the vote at the conclusion of the AGM (given time for creating a ballot) and end in time to announce during the workshop on Friday.
- Not discussed - Discuss officers and terms – if we have time ... I'm an optimist ☺

- Meeting adjourned