

**OFA XWG Meeting
February 22, 2017
11am Mountain**

1. Roll Call:

Board Members:

At-Large / Bob Noseworthy
Broadcom / Eddie Wai
Cray/Paul Grun
HPE / Andy Riebs
Huawei / Daqi Ren
IBM / Bernard Metzler
Intel / Divya Kolar
Jump Trading / Christoph Lameter
LANL / Susan Coulter
LLNL / Matt Leininger
Mellanox / Gilad Shainer
NetApp / David Dale
Oak Ridge / Scott Atchley
Oracle / David Brean
RedHat / Doug Ledford
Sandia / Mike Aguilar

Also present:

LANL/Jesse Martinez
Mellanox/Bill Lee
OFA/Jim Ryan
Intel/Paul Bowden
LANL/Parks Fields
Intel/Bob Woodruff

2. Approve XWG minutes from 2/8/2018

- A motion to approved the minutes from 8 February was made by: Paul Grun (Cray). The motion was seconded by Divya Kolar (Intel). The minutes were unanimously approved.

3. Mission

- The XWG continued a detailed discussion designed to lead the XWG/Board toward consensus about the OFA's current mission.
- This discussion, when concluded, is expected to be the near-culmination of the project to re-structure the OFA's Bylaws.
- The process agreed to by the XWG is to hold detailed, interactive discussions on the four elements that comprise a good mission statement which are:
 - **What is that we do (produce)?**
 - What outcomes and artifacts does the OFA create?

- *We drive technology by fostering open source software development. Are we performing the task of? Incubation, collaboration, evangelization?*
 - *The OFA supports the development of open source software for networking.*
 - *The OFA incubates new fabric technologies with the goal of moving them into open source (for the common good?)*
 - We support and maintain existing fabric technologies.
- Who is it for?
- How does the OFA do what it does?
 - **The OFA provides an environment and infrastructure for collaboration, communication, and education to support fabric technologies.**
 - **We enable the development of fabric software. The OFA doesn't license software.**
 - **We create outreach by evangelizing about fabric technologies including emerging usages for such technologies.**
 - **We provide programs to support emerging fabric technologies such as training, testing, and validation.**
 - **We proactively outreach to related organizations and communities such as SNIA, Linux kernel communities, and others.**
- What is the value of what the OFA does?
 - What is our reason for being?
 - *Our value is that we accelerate the development and adoption of fabric technologies to enable portable solutions. Alternatively: We support the development of open source software for networking.*
- **This meeting focused on a discussion of what the OFA does and how do we do it.** We discussed how the OpenFabrics Alliance does its work:
- **The discussion is expected to continue in following XWG/Board meetings – all XWG and Board members are encouraged to make it a point to attend and participate.**