

OFA Board Meeting
March 16, 2017
11am Mountain

1. Roll Call:

Board Members:

Broadcom / Eddie Wai *
Cray/Paul Grun *
HPE / Andy Riebs *
Huawei / Daqi Ren
IBM / Bernard Metzler *
Intel / Jim Pappas * Divya
Jump Trading / Christoph Lameter *
LANL / Susan Coulter *
LLNL / Matt Leininger
Mellanox / Gilad Shainer * Bill
NetApp / David Dale
Oak Ridge / Scott Atchley
Oracle / David Brean *
Sandia / Chris Beggio
Unisys / Lilia Weber *

Also attending: Jim Ryan

2. Approval of minutes from Feb 16th meeting – with Jim Pappas modification
 - 2.1. Cray moved / JumpTrading seconded – motion passed unanimously
3. Articulate why the OFA matters to you / Town Hall at Workshop
 - 3.1. Reminder to think about this for the discussion at the workshop
4. Arbitration Chair
 - 4.1. Parks Fields has tentatively accepted this position
5. Motion to waive process for bylaw adoption (requires 2/3 to approve)
 - 5.1. 2 at-large director seats
 - 5.2. Officers

This motion was not put forward because the required 72 hour advance distribution of the motion was not met.
It was proposed that we continue the discussion, as it will be valuable in the future. It will be proposed that the XWG meeting next week be turned into a Special Board Meeting to entertain this vote.
6. At-large nomination/voting
 - 6.1. Nominations accepted up to and including the Annual General Meeting (AGM).
Nominees do not need to be present, but need to provide a response indicating they will serve if elected.
 - 6.2. Voting will happen at the conference via one of two options, described below.
This discussion continued even without the waiver from #5 as the conversation will still be valuable.
Susan – Articulated a strong preference to allow all attendees to vote. The OFA's role and influence is changing radically due to the open source nature of

this project. Including the larger developer community is necessary for us to remain relevant. This needs to be transparent. Without allowing the full community to vote, we will be “dictating” who will represent them. The community is egalitarian and respectful enough that the community will not perceive multiple votes from one organization being a reflection of that organization’s management perspective – as long as the vote is secret.

Paul – Articulated the reasons previously provided for only one vote per company, that being the perception, (possible reality) of some organizations overwhelming the vote with the large number of attendees at the conference.

Bill – ~50% of the attendance at the workshop comes from 3 companies. ~32, ~10 and ~18. Followed by the Laboratories.

Bill – The vote needs to be verifiable if secret, and therefore handled by an un-biased entity like Nereus or an outside firm.

Jim – He or Nereus could provide that un-biased service, without hiring an outside company.

Andy – It could appear that an organization is overwhelming the vote and therefore developers will feel they have not been listened to and may then choose to work on a different project.

Christoph – The developer community will more likely feel that way if there is only one vote per company. They will feel like management has taken control, yet again, and will not reflect the needs/desires of the developers, and possibly not reflect the reality on the ground.

A motion will be drafted by LANL and included in the bylaws slides Paul has been maintaining. This vote will be entertained at the Board meeting on 3/23 – if it is held.

7. OFA Officers

A review of where this stands in the bylaws, as well as previously discussed changes, was presented by Paul.

8. Cancel March 23 meeting? The meeting will not be cancelled, as we hope to hold a special board meeting during the usual 4th Week XWG meeting.

The Treasurer’s Report was sent out after the meeting via email and is copied below.

As of February 28, 2018

Cash Balance: \$344,062

Membership Payment Status

- 12 out of 15 Promoters (2 of which are in process)
- 2 out of 3 Adopters (last one is pending)
- 5 Supporters
- 1 Individual

Payment for the plugfest and logo events are progressing adequately
Expenses are meeting budget expectations.