**OFA Board Meeting**

**Mar. 20, 2025**

**10am Pacific time**

1. Roll Call:

Board Members:

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| Company | Voting Contact | 09/21 | 09/28 | 10/19 | 11/30 | 12/21 | 20-Mar | Good Standing |
| HPE | John Byrne | Y | Y |  | Y | Y | Y | Y |
| Huawei | Steve Langridge | Y | Y |  |  |  | Y | N |
| IBM | Bernard Metzler | Y | Y | Y |  | Y | Y | Y |
| Intel | Phil Cayton | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y |
| LLNL | Matt Leininger |  | Y |  | Y | Y | Y | Y |
| Mellanox | Gilad Shainer |  |  |  |  |  |  | N |
| Fujitsu |  | Y |  | Y |  | Y |  | Y |
| Sandia | Mike Aguilar | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y |
| HPE\* | Doug Ledford | Y | Y | Y |  | Y | Y | Y |
| LLNL\*\* | Nathan Hanford |  |  |  |  |  | Y |  |

* – Doug Ledford is a standing alternate for John Byrne, this is the only reason his attendance is tracked
* \* - Nathan Hanford is a standing alternate for Matt Leininger

Others:

Jim Ryan

Paul Grun

Intel / Tatyana Nikolova

1. Opens, Agenda Bashing
   * Hauwei - Renewal is approved and just waiting on final receipt of payment
2. Approve Board minutes from [Nov. 14, 2024](https://downloads.openfabrics.org/WorkGroups/board/minutes_board_xwg_2024/OFA_Minutes_20241114_Board.docx)
   * Intel moves, Sandia seconds: minutes are approved unanimously
3. Working Group Updates
   * OFIWG
     1. Regular cadence of releases scheduled for the remainder of the year
     2. Libfabrics 2.x scheduled to release this year - Intended to include Ultra Ethernet support
   * OFMFWG
     1. Close to having a deployment using sunfish to deploy NVMe over Fabrics
     2. Would like to try and do a BoF at SC25
     3. Discussion of using Gen AI for code generation: consensus seems to be you can use Gen AI to create a skeleton implementation, but anyone submitting code \*must\* fully review the code prior to submission and take full responsibility for anything they submit
   * FSDPWG
     1. UNH-IOL has started the shutdown process
     2. They are keeping the hardware to repurpose it
     3. Red Hat has shut down the pipeline runners
     4. The [fsdpwg@lists.openfabrics.org](mailto:fsdpwg@lists.openfabrics.org) mailing has been disabled
   * MWG
     1. Like to use sunfish in the webinar series, at SciNET, and some other upcoming talks
4. Fix minutes for Dec. 2, 2024 and Feb. 6, 2025 (they are currently missing, they might have been sent off-list to dledford, but were not sent to ofa\_boardplus according to the archives and dledford no longer has access to his old emails)
5. Webinar Proposal
   * Replace in-person conference with a series of webinars
     1. In-person conference usually has lots of tracks/sessions, where quality varies a lot
     2. A webinar series reduces the number of items we might present to the public, but makes them cheaper to consume and easier to consume, while also allowing individual webinars to be of higher quality
     3. Need to get the cost estimate from Liz and make a proposal at the next Board meeting to cancel the in-person conference in lieu of a new webinar series to get our names in front of people on a regular basis.
     4. Would we allow companies to basically purchase a spot in our webinar series if they wanted to?
        1. A couple thoughts: Substance over marketing, a couple ratios tossed out have been 70% technical and 30% marketing, or at most 50/50. The company would pay all hard costs and a fee for the platform.