

**OFA XWG Meeting
June 23, 2016**

1. Roll Call:

Board Members:

Broadcom / Eddie Wai
Cray/Paul Grun - X
HPE / Zarka Cvetanovic
Huawei / Daqi Ren
IBM / Bernard Metzler
Intel / Jim Pappas
Jump Trading / Christoph Lameter - X
LANL / Susan Coulter - X
LLNL / Matt Leininger - X
Mellanox / Gilad Shainer
NetApp / David Dale - X
Oak Ridge / Jesse Hanley - X
Oracle / David Brean
Sandia / Chris Beggio - X
Unisys / Bill Weber

Also present:

Robert
Jim Ryan
Bill Lee

2. Discuss need to have a Secretary position. This should be a Board Office, and therefore we would need a volunteer. If there is no volunteer this could be part of the Executive Director role.

Chris Beggio volunteered himself to do this task during the Interim period.

This will begin next week, but will not be an official Board office.

He will be known as the note-taker/scribe.

Notes will generally be kept in an open directory, similar to how the Working Groups function.

Items that are not ready for public consumption will be kept private – either in a privately accessed directory or on Causeway.

Causeway will also contain full copies.

Paul will take the AR to get a directory created for both the XWG and the Board.

Susan will take the AR to find out what it takes to get a private directory that requires a login.

3. Old Business:

A. Executive Director position

- Roles and responsibilities
- Funding

- The discussion resulted in Jim being identified as the person we need/want to take this position. Tentatively, it was decided a contract between OFA and Jim outlining duties and pay details will be written up by Bill Lee with help from Jim, Susan and Paul. It will be a 6-month contract with at 2 renewal options. We will not use a third party contractor. The hope is to have this done by next Thursday's meeting.

B. Dual License status – Changes to the RDMA sub system were submitted for inclusion in the kernel, and therefore will become part of OpenFabrics. This code was submitted under GPL only licensing and OFA prefers dual licensing.

Christoph Hellwig, who works for HGST, submitted the code.

- An attempt to reach the folks Christoph works for has been unsuccessful. The hope is to get executive level HGST agreement to change the license terms of the recently submitted code. There has been no response from these folks.
Jim and Susan will do some legwork to try and contact Chris and/or his employer.
- “Clean room” approach if no agreement - Rewrite the code to do what the inappropriately licensed code does. This is a very difficult approach, as we need to find someone to rewrite the code, which is sophisticated and complex. That code then needs to be accepted by the larger community as a “better” solution than the one Christoph submitted.