

**Meeting** OW2 Board meeting – Minutes - Summary

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**Date** 28 March 2012, Telephone and physical meeting  
**Location**

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### **1. Chairman's Welcome Remarks**

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### **2. Election results**

- 8 seats were open with 8 candidates (an additional candidate came too late).
  - 1 candidate for individual members for 1 seat.
  - Following the procedure already used in similar situation years before, all candidates were thus automatically elected.
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### **3. Introduction of New Directors**

- Arnaud Saval, from Cassidian in the EADS groupe, contributors of OW2 for 3 years
  - Yury Glickman, Fraunhofer Fokus, replacing Gerd Schürmann who was promoted, involved in BerliOS forge
  - John Mertic, SugarCRM, excused because of time zone
  - Noël De Palma, University Joseph Fourier, interest in using open, source in education
  - Eric Le Goff, Individual member representative, initiator of the OW2 LinkedIn Group
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### **4. Quorum**

With 8 Strategic Members, 8 Corporate Members representatives and 1 Individual Member representative for a total of 17 Board members, 9 members constitutes the quorum.

With 14 members present or represented at this meeting, the quorum is achieved. Super majority of two thirds of members present or represented is at 9.

Attending (and initials if ever used in the rest of the minutes):

1. Bull, Jean-Pierre Laisné (JPL)
2. Cassidian, Arnaud Saval (AS)
3. CVIC SE, Xinhai Jing (XJ)
4. Engineering, Gabriele Ruffatti (GR)
5. France Telecom, Valère Robin (VR)
6. Fraunhofer Fokus, Yuri Glickman (YG)
7. Inria, Patrick Moreau (PM)
8. ISCAS, Wei Jun (WW)
9. PKU, Minghui Zhou (MZ)
10. ScalAgent Distributed Technologies, Serge Lacourte (SL)
11. Talend, Cedric Carbone (CC)
12. Université Joseph Fourier, Noël de Palma (NDP)
13. UShareSoft, Alban Richard (AR)
14. Individual Members Representative, Eric Le Goff (ELG)

Member of the board without voting right: OW2 CEO, Cédric Thomas (CT)  
Attending at the invitation of the board: OW2 CTO Alexandre Lefebvre (AL), Stefano Scamuzzo (SC, Engineering)  
Excused: SugarCRM  
Absent: BUAA, NUDT

(Minutes by AL)

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### **5. Agenda Review and Approval of Agenda**

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- New agenda item is added “16. Board Motions” in order to facilitate identification of official decisions by the board.
  - The agenda is reviewed and approved.
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## **6. Minutes of the previous meeting**

- The minutes of the previous meeting were approved without comments.
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## **7. Membership payment situation**

- Payment reminder was sent to all members who have not yet paid their membership fees
  - Our ecosystem is expanding, the number of members is stable. Request to see the segmentation of members according to their quality (type of entity, academic, integrator, ...). CEO will forward this information to the Board.
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## **8. Chairperson election**

- JPL is not candidate this year.
  - We have one candidate for the Chairperson seat: Xinhai Jing from CVIC SE. Support of OW2 as strategic member from the onset. Products from CVIC SE include open source products. XJ would like CVIC SE to market OW2 software and promote OW2 in China, also trying to get attention from the Chinese government. Also, contribute to the development of open source in China, help international people work together, attract new corporate members. Way of working with the management of the consortium : George is member of the management office, visits of the Management Office in China.
  - Question about supporting the extension of the China Open Source Week. XJ agrees to support COSW.
  - Expectation to see more corporate members and manufacturers from China. XJ will aim at attracting more industrial members from China.
  - CEO will meet with XJ during his visit mid May and work on a plan to attract more members.
  - Question about the day-to-day operation and how to work closely with the Management Office. CEO visits China in May and the Management Office in October at the COSW. XJ will commit to two persons from CVIC SE to be involved in the OW2 governance.
  - We need to work on visibility in China. XJ expresses his wish to be more supportive and put more effort and progress in this area, and this is why he is candidate.
  - Remark: it is a big move from a European Chairperson to a Chinese Chairperson. Questions the development of OW2 in Europe if driven by a Chinese chairperson./ There may be some danger that European commission changes its perception with regard to OW2. In particular, YG is concerned about European events and the presence of a Chinese chairperson to European events. A vice president in Europe could be a good solution.
  - OW2 had a president and a vice president from the beginning, the president being JPL and the VP being Huai Jinpeng from BUAA. We could swap and have a president from China and a vice president from Europe. Also, OW2 was originally a merger of Orientware and Objectweb, with initial members from China and Europe. The development in China has been visible but can be improved. The fact that the momentum is in Europe and will remain strong, the evolution to a Chinese president would bring an additional development and energies in China, as well as a good exercise in improving our governance.
  - Reminder that part of the Chairman's job was to put around the table people from various part of the world and make them cooperate in a fair manner. JPL would like to thank CVIC SE for their support from the very beginning, and welcomes XJ as candidate for the Board Chairperson's position.
  - Regarding YG's comment, JPL notes that we will need local support to interact with European Commission for example, or the legal status of OW2 as a French legal organization. This will have to be managed in the future. JPL expresses that we need a non ambiguous position, a clear message about this
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- alliance and reinforce the communication, and that we should move ahead.
- Regarding vice-president, JPL thinks it would be good for communication to have a European vice-president. JPL proposes to be vice-president on the European side.
  - Xinhai Jing
    - thanks to the trust of all the board members
    - OW2, Jean-Pierre and Cédric did a good job
    - lets continue the good job and promote the cooperation between nations
  - **Board motion:** The board elects Xinhai Jing as President and nominates Jean-Pierre Laisné as Vice-President.
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### **9. Management Office Update**

- George LU from CVIC is replacing Cherry BIAN. George has an international experience and is fluent in English.
  - Brian Henry is being recruited: he will be looking after collaborative projects for OW2, including website, dissemination, white papers, press releases and case studies. Brian Henry will start with a limited part time in April, and shift to 80% as from June.
  - Membership:
    - there is a request for a breakdown of members according to their type (editors, integrators, manufacturers, service providers, academics)
    - judging by the visits to the web site, there is growing interest from North America and from India
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### **10. Collaborative Projects Update**

- CHOReOS – see below Future Internet Initiative
  - CompatibleOne:
    - OGF/OCCI is supportive of the results of the projects,
    - Many synergies, including with OpenCloudware.
    - All software is LGPL. CompatibleOne is a key asset fostered by OSCi.
    - Note the 29 March 2012 workshop where the new release will be presented.
    - A press release has been issued yesterday about the announcement of version 2. liaison has started with other bodies including standards
    - the goal is to be in Santa Clara Cloud expo in November with great results (LGPL)
    - The momentum will enable the project to last after the end of the collaborative project itself
  - OpenCloudware (ex CloudForce): launched in January
  - XLcloud (ex Magellan) – platform for managing distributed virtual machines for scientific computing
  - Three other proposals submitted in January: OCEAN, RISCOSS, openFOG. Interviews to take place beginning of April.
    - There is a very high competition for this call (200 submissions, more than usual).
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### **11. TC and SQuAT update**

- OMM questionnaire has been simplified and adapted to OW2.
  - Two new projects from Trustie
  - FOSSology has proved to be helpful for projects for cleaning IP.
    - No problem were detected, project used it to clean the code (headers) and clarify their IP status
    - Project wanting to be checked by FOSSology can be processed on a France Telecom platform
  - Candidates for mature status: WebLab, Talend Open Studio
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### **12. Initiative update**

- Future Internet initiative (scope: internet of content, internet of people, internet of things, internet of services).
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- Based on the Choreos project to help its dissemination
  - Underlying technology includes large-scale management of web services (choreography, as opposed to orchestration), and extensive leverage of OSGI and semantic web.
  - Question about Hadoop. Talend expresses its interest in Hadoop. CEO takes as an **action item** to get a more precise answer to the Board.
  - OW2's three step community building methodology:
    - a) identify code structure and licences,
    - b) contribute code to an open source community (i.e. to OW2),
    - c) open up the code to the market through the OW2 Initiative mechanism.
  - MO has sent the draft charter to the Board for the Future Internet initiative. At the beginning, deliverables will be largely provided by CHOReOS project.
  - This would typically run on top of Cloud Computing. Synergies with Cloud on the possibility of aggregating services.
  - Proposed lead by Inria, other OW2 members USP, PetalsLink, other non OW2 members Thales, Italian Universities, EU SMEs, Bull.
  - Inria is interested by this initiative, about 10 teams potentially interested in the initiative. Inria would be willing to co-lead the initiative, but, from an operational point of view (day-to-day organization), Inria needs to have an industrial partner to co-lead the initiative. Inria would not agree to lead the initiative on its own.
  - Future Internet Initiative is a confusing name, and a new name needs to be found. Proposal by Inria for "Future Internet Software and Services" initiative (to be discussed at next CHOReOS meeting with Valérie Issarny from Inria).
  - Co-lead does not need to be an OW2 strategic member. Also note that the Management Office is committed to contribute to this initiative as part of its involvement in the CHOReOS project.
  - Cassidian would also be very interested in participating in this project, with WebLab which is dedicated to integration of web services. WebLab is now an integration platform and needs to be ported to the Cloud. Possibility of Cassidian joining the initiative to be discussed internally.
  - The initiative would address the "upper layer" where applications are developed to address business needs and provide element for development environment for the infrastructures from OW2
  - Proposal: OW2 to organize a workshop in the next few months to discuss synergies around this initiative, including OSCi, Weblab, and any interested partner.
  - We need to make sure that the initiative should continue and will be sustainable after the end of the CHOReOS funding (including a roadmap and a commitment for longer than the duration of the collaborative project). This risk is already identified in the draft Charter.
  - **Board motion.** The initiative proposal is approved by the board. The board expresses its concern about long-term sustainability and requests specific efforts from OW2 Management Office to improve the project sustainability.

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### **13. Marcom update**

- CompatibleOne should be presented at the next OpenStack summit (tbc, we are working on it).
  - OW2 Berlin Day is 29 May.
  - Brazil roadshow is confirmed, May 8-10: Rio, Brazilia, Sao Paulo with SpagoBI, eXo Platform and BonitaSoft.
  - COSW will take place in October, including international meeting at the Wuxi province. MO will circulate the sponsorship document to the Board.
  - CompatibleOne launch in November at Cloud Expo West in Santa Clara
  - Save the date 28-29 November for the OW2con in Paris, with sponsorship document to be circulated in April.
  - We will try to control the number of events in the future, and try to manage events collectively to organize a larger presence at a reduced number of events.
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#### **14. Other business**

- Question about the opportunity to join the Open Source Initiative (OSI).
- We have been contacted by OSI. Answer given to OSI:
  - OW2 would be in favour of supporting OSI
  - But no provision for financial contribution.
  - Joining OSI would be a Board decision.
- The Board requests more information about the process and the commitment before approving support of the new OSI.
- Board requests Management Office to collect all information about OSI participation and send it to the Board, and will propose a motion for next Board for affiliation or not.
- CEO to contact the OSI board members and find out about their process.

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#### **15. Planning of next Board of Directors meetings**

- It seems that we have too many board meetings, suggestion to hold 3 board meetings per year, and to have 1 board meeting mandatorily face-to-face, in order to create a real team around the Board; this off-site board to be organized alongside with the OW2 conference.
- The Board agrees.
- The next Board meeting will be held on Thursday 21 June 2012.
- The face-to-face Board meeting could take place on 27 November 2012.

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#### **16. Motions**

- The following motions were adopted unanimously.
- **Board motion 1:** The board validates the results of the election of Corporate members and individual members representatives.
- **Board motion 2:** The board validates the process of automatically electing candidates when their number is equal or inferior to the number of seats.
- **Board motion 3:** The board validates the election of Xinhai Jing as President of OW2 for 2012 and nominates Jean-Pierre Laisné as vice-president.
- **Board motion 4:** The Board approves the launch of the Future Internet initiative. The board expresses its concern about long-term sustainability and requests specific efforts from OW2 Management Office to improve the project sustainability.
- **Board motion 5:** The board requests Management Office to move forward with evaluating OSI affiliation and to provide details to the Board.

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#### **17. Chairperson's concluding comments**

XJ would like to thank all Board members to trust him and give him this opportunity. Thanks to JPL and CT for their great work. XJ would like to follow the success and continue to improve the East-West cooperation to promote OW2 and create a win-win cooperation.

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#### **18. Adjournment**

- Meeting was adjourned at 12:02 pm