Meeting: OW2 Board meeting – Minutes - Summary

Date: 18 September, 2014, web conference meeting

1. Chairman’s Welcome Remarks
Chairperson excused.

2. Introduction of new board directors
Introduction of Philippe Letellier, Innovation director at Institut Mines Telecom the new OW2 Strategic Member.

3. Quorum
With 7 Strategic Members, 6 Corporate Members representatives and one Individual members representative for a total of 14 Board members, 7 members constitute the quorum.

With 9 members present or represented at this meeting, the quorum is achieved.

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

1. Engineering, Gabriele Ruffatti (GR)
2. Fraunhofer FOKUS, Yuri Glickman (YG)
3. Institut Mines-Telecom, Philippe Letellier (PL)
4. Linagora, Jean-Pierre Lorré (JPL)
5. Orange, Valère Robin (VR)
6. Prologue, Najah Naffah (NN)
7. Talend, Patrick Coffre (PC)
8. Usharesoft, Alban Richard (AR)
9. Individual Members representative: Jean Parpaillon (JP)

Member of the board without voting right: OW2 CEO, Cédric Thomas (CEO)
Attending at the invitation of the board: George Lu (GL)
Excused:
Absent: ISCAS, Peking University, BeiHang University, CVIC-SE, NUDT,

Minutes by CT

4. Agenda Review and Approval of Agenda
• The agenda is reviewed and approved.

5. Minutes of the previous meeting
• The minutes of the previous meeting were approved without comments.

6. Welcoming new Strategic Member IMT
• IMT description, its structure, its scope, its entrepreneurial focus and its vast network of start-ups both research project spin-off and launched by students.
• IMT will launch an initiative aimed at enabling start-up to share technology components so as to accelerate their market readiness.

7. Financial outlook
• The membership payment situation is reviewed as per the material circulated to board.
• Some payments previously planned in H1 shifted to July.
• Financial situation end of 2014 should be OK if all foreseen payments are settled.
• Review of H2020 proposal handling timeline: results expected September 23. cash advances from new EU-H2020 collaborative projects to be expected January 2015 will
help cover beginning 2015.

8. Q4 events outlook

- Programming contest: disappointing year in terms of organization. Dissemination help promised by partners did not materialize. Lack of CTO made it difficult to overcome these challenges.
  - OWF:
    - Programme OK (Community Summit and EU Collaborative Innovation session)
    - OW2 Village at OWF.
  - OW2con’14:
    - Programme is published and registration open.
    - Update on synchronization with OpenStack Summit: OW2con’14 Open Cloud Day to be identified in the OpenStack Summit program (post-board update: done)
    - OW2 Members registering for OW2con’14 will be granted free OpenStack Summit conference passes.

9. Technology Council update

TC is currently working along five priorities.

- Infrastructure migration:
  - Infrastructure survey shows overall satisfaction, congratulate the team, expectations include tools continuous upgrade and integration; general result is that OW2 must have its own infrastructure.
- Code base management: RAS
- Project submission: two new projects accepted Nursery, Lutece.
- TC Meetings: need a CTO to run these meetings.
- SQuAT:
  - MO needs to recruit a trainee to update SQuAT, maybe a part-time job in September-October CEO to circulate a “trainee proposal”.

10. Strategic planning discussion

- This discussion to be started by mail. And follow-up with face-to-face discussion at next board meeting.
- Priority is the EU public consultation on cloud computing and software.

11. Other business

- In order to avoid conflicts, OW2 to propose to become the owner of community and collaborative projects brands.
  - Board gives OK. Recommends collaborative projects use “exploitation” budget to cover brand costs.
- EU public consultation on cloud computing and software
  - Report on recent collaboration meeting in Brussels; traditional meeting to help EU run projects and draft future work programme; this meeting and the public consultation concern calls to be launched in 2015-2016 and projects to be started in 2016-2017.
  - Discussion topics included:
    - OSS not used enough in collaborative projects
    - “Foundation” that would take over the results of collaborative projects.
    - Quick overview of Apache, Linux, Eclipse and OpenStack foundations.
    - Participant lobbied OW2 as starting point for the foundation.
    - OW2 and OCEAN to make common contribution.
    - Keeping things in proportions this call is by one Unit within DG-CONECT and there is open source in many other Units.
• OW2 draft proposal contribution based on the “Delivery Challenge” concept
  • Delivery Challenge is a key problem, the missing link between R&D and the market. Addressing this challenge highlight the need for professional OSS organization such as OW2.
  • Answering public consultation is not selling OW2 and perhaps OW2 should contact other OSS organizations such as LibreOffice. CEO to contact LibreOffice (post board update: done, meeting to be scheduled).
• CEO to draft a contribution.
  • Reviewers: YG, VR, NN, GR, JPL

12. Planning of next Board of Directors meetings

• Date initially planned for our face-to-face meeting (November 4) conflicts with the debriefing workshop scheduled by the Commission. Most interesting contributions will be invited to present. Seats are limited, first come first served basis once registration is open.
  • Therefore after discussion, decision to reschedule the face-to-face board in order to allow us to take part in this workshop.
  • OW2 members potentially attending the EU debriefing workshop: YG, VR, GR, JPL, CT.
  • The date of the next meeting of the board is set to: NOVEMBER 7 in the morning
    • face-to-face meeting (optionally followed by board lunch)
    • meeting is the day after the OW2 annual conference.

13. Motions
No motions at this board meeting.

14. Chairman’s concluding comments
Chairperson excused.

15. Adjournment
• Meeting was adjourned at 12:15pm CEST.