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OW2 Board meeting - 16 September 2009 - Minutes

Date Location

16 SEPTEMBER 2009, Meeting: physical in China, by telephone in Europe

1. Chairman's Welcome Remarks

Thank you to the participants. Purpose : status on previous months, prepare next strategy workshop in October

2. Quorum

Out of 14 Strategic Members, 10 are in good standing (11 at previous board but we now must discount Thales still hasn't settled its 2009 dues); to be balanced by 10 Corporate Members representatives plus 1 Individual Member representative for a total of 21 Board members. Therefore 11 members constitute the quorum.

With 12 board members praticipating in this board meeting, the quorum is acheived.

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

- 1. BEIHANG UNIVERSITY Han Jun (HJ)
- 2. BULL Jean-Pierre Laisné (JPL)
- 3. CVIC-SE Liu Jiangning (LJ)
- 4. EBM WEBSOURCING Gaël Blondelle (GB)
- 5. EDIFIXIO Thierry Humbert (TH)
- 6. ENGINEERING Gabriele Ruffatti (GR)
- 7. INRIA Pierre Paradinas (PP)
- 8. FRANCE TELECOM Valère Robin (VR)
- 9. NUDT Wang Huaimin (WH)
- 10. PEKIN UNIVERSITY Zhou Minghui (ZM)
- 11. SOGETI Laurent Guérin (LG)
- 12. TALEND Cedric Carbone (CC)

Member of the board without voting right: CEO, Cédric Thomas (CT)

Attending at the invitation of the board: China LC Coordinator Cherry Bian (CB), Shi Dianxi (NUDT), Yin Gang (NUDT), Xie Bing (PKU)

(Appreciation to Valère Robin for taking the minutes)

3. & 4. Agenda Review and Agenda Approval

• The agenda is reviewed and approved

5. Introduction of New Directors

No new Director.

6. Minutes of the previous meeting

- The minutes of the previous meeting are approved.
- For information: The archives of the board mailing list are available to all board members.

7. OW2 Budget Situation and Outlook

- OW must start the next year with the equivalent of a quarter of subscriptions in the bank to avoid disruption in the organisation.
- · Options:
 - Immediate payment of remaining subscriptions of strategic members for next board meeting

- Open a credit line for the consortium by a bank or by a consortium member
- -C Thomas checks fee payments daily but the web page on the OW2 site is updated monthly.
- The end of year situation is better than expected because some expenses were cancelled.

8. OW2 and OSA Merge

- Keystone OSA project: CCV (for "Common Customer View")
 - It's a technical proof of concept of the integration of several open source components and solutions to provide a unified enterprise solution
 - It was first shown 2 or 3 years ago and in still available for demonstrations

ACTION: The board agrees with continuing the discussion with OSA on the basis of te Merge Memo and pursuing with the announcement as presented.

9. Strategy Discussion

- We may need to start the discussion by a view on technology trends because the aim of the consortium is to produce technical components and solutions.
- · A view on cloud, SAAS, etc. could be a good idea.
- We must discuss the big picture of open source and how the consortium may play a role in a worldwide ecosystem. A one day meeting would be enough.
 We need discussions by mail before the meeting.
- A one page position statement from everybody on the board mailing lists would be welcome.
- Contribution deadline is September 30 to be integrated in a synthesis document.
- The strategic document raises questions and it is expected that statements from board members provide inputs to help answer some of them.

10. Brazil Meetings (August 09)

- OW2 participants: C Thomas, G Blondel, JP Laisné, B Escudier
- Presentations at the CONSEGI open source conference by GB, JPL, CT
- Meeting with members and potential members: SERPRO, Unifor, Konsultex, Sandoz/Novartis, Colivre, 4Linux, Propus, University of Sao Paulo
- Serpro: discussion on integration of Demoiselle in OW2 since it may be the key project of Brazillian participation.
- Conference on administration and open source software (CONSEGI) with a talk by President Lula: federal government promotes open source as a way to reduce the digital divide (top down approach)
- Bottom up approach was discussed with universities and SMEs
- (NOTE: since these meetings, two new members have joined OW2 from Brazil: 4Linux and University of Saõ Paulo – USP FLOSS Competency Center)

China Meetings (Sept. 89)

CT: A Lefebvre was missed during the visit in China

- Programming contest
 - 1st prize to Beihang University team
 - 6 project over 16 produced code
 - CT: appreciation to Alex , technology council and Cherry Bian for making it happen
- Meetings in China with: China LC, China Software Testing Center, ChangFeng Industry Association.
- Follow-up end of September with meetings in Grenoble between European and Chinese project teams (Sept. 28) as well as several Trustie presentation scheduled at the TC meeting (Sept 29)
- The contribution of China is really increasing and face to face meetings are important
- JP Laisné thanks the Chinese local chapter for the good work that is being done.

11. Other business

No other business

12. Next meetings of the Board

- JPL: if OSA plans to join OW2, they must be invited to the strategy meeting and to the next board meeting
- o October 21st, by phone

13. Chairperson's Concluding comments

 Thanks for this meeting with good ideas and decisions, hope that the next few weeks with bring good contribution for the future of the consortiumT

14. Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 12:30pm CET