

Meeting OW2 Board meeting – Minutes - Summary

Date 12 September, 2013, Telephone meeting

Location

1. Chairman's Welcome Remarks

Gabriele thanks the participation of everybody. Important meeting will address OW2 challenges, revenue and membership issues. Expects good discussion.

2. Introduction of new board directors

Introduction of new participant:

- Talend: Elisabeth Sabot, Documentation Manager and Acting Community Manager
 - Linagora: Jean-Pierre Lorré, in Charge of R&D activities and collaborative projects
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3. Quorum

With 1 Strategic Members, 6 Corporate Members representatives for a total of 7 Board members, 8 members constitute the quorum.

With 7 members present or represented at this meeting, the quorum is not achieved.

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

1. Engineering, Gabriele Ruffatti (GR)
2. Fraunhofer FOKUS, Yuri Glikman (YG)
3. Linagora, Jean-Piere Lorré (JPL)
4. Orange, Valère Robin (VR)
5. ScalAgent DT, Serge Lacourte (SL)
6. Talend, Elisabeth Sabot (ES)
7. UJF, Noel De Palma (NDP)

Member of the board without voting right: OW2 CEO, Cédric Thomas (CT)
Attending at the invitation of the board: Xiaolong Kong (XK) and George Lu (GL)
Excused: Peking University, UshareSoft, SugarCRM, Individual Members representative

Absent: BUAA, ISCAS, CVIC-SE, NUDT

Minutes by XK

4. Agenda Review and Approval of Agenda

- The agenda is reviewed and approved.
 - GR asks to add an update about technical infrastructure evolution
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5. Minutes of the previous meeting

- The minutes of the previous meeting were approved without comments.
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6. Membership Evolution

- On-going discussions with TrentoRise (it), Inktank (us), Huawei (cn), Univention (de), FOSSgroup (ch), CloudWatt (fr)
 - Required: suggestions from Board for new membership development, no suggestion for the moment
 - Question whether the information of membership page of OW2's Web site is updated. Online check shows that is is updated.
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7. Update on the situation, membership, budget

- Presentation of cash evolution at OW2; we should finish the year with a relatively good cash situation, better than expected last June.
 - Pending payments: some company require 5 reminders before payment.
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8. Continuation options and strategic directions

- CEO presents a strategy to increasingly position OW2 on collaborative projects and to recruit new members.
- Positioning OW2 on collaborative projects is very important, it helps to get financial income, it can also help to get new members in China and in US because OW2 could help them develop relevant contacts and to participate in European collaborative projects. OW2 has advantages, it is a good legal entity to manage assets developed by collaborative projects. We must leverage OW2 initiatives in Cloud, Future Internet and Big Data. The BI initiative must become Big Data initiative.
- Members should give quotes to illustrate OW2 membership recruitment in the datasheet being currently developed.
- A proposal for fee structure simplification will be circulated.
- Explanation of negotiation to reduce hosting cost and up-coming spending on GForge->Tuleap migration (mainly licensing cost)
- For Future Internet Initiative, CEO will contact Inria. It may be an opportunity for OW2 to develop relationship with EIT ICT in order to collaborate in the Open Source Booster activity. See who is the Orange representative. Write to ICT Labs.
- Feedback of a recent meeting with some members from NUDT at Paris. During this meeting with NUDT, XK and CT explored why there is not more cooperation work between Chinese members and European members. One of the major reasons is that Chinese members are committed in collaborative work funded by Chinese Government and Europeans members by European programs. There is no coordination/interaction between those programs; the collaboration between Chinese and European members is so quite limited and could be improved if we managed to synchronize collaborative projects; this is a medium-term objective.

9. Election process of IM representatives

- Proposal to improve the IM representative election process, since there is no quorum to take decision in this meeting, the presentation will be refreshed during the next board meeting

10. Other business

- During the passed period, OW2 participated in CCCC'13 and OSCON.
- In the coming period, OW2 will participate in Cloud Interoperability Week, Open World Forum and host Programming contest in China and OW2Con'13 in Paris.
- This year the event in China is only the Programming Contest and not the China Open Source Week (COSW) because of lack of motivation by Chinese members to support the effort.
- Technical infrastructure: Gforge to Tuleap migration to be completed before end December 2013.
- SQuAT: the quality program is in slow motion because it requires a trainee to apply Sonar to projects.

11. Planning of next Board of Directors meetings

- The next board meeting will be a physical meeting on November 12th during the OW2Con'13.

12. Motions

- NA

13. Chairman's concluding comments

- GR expresses his satisfaction with this meeting which allows members to discuss about some important subjects.

14. Adjournment

- Meeting was adjourned at 11:45am
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