

Meeting OW2 Board meeting – 14 December 2007, Antwerp – Summary Minutes

Date December 14, 2007

Location Antwerp, Belgium, Carlton Hotel

1. Chairman's Welcome Remarks

- 3d meeting : still some operational issues to be discussed
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2. Quorum

22 Board members out of 25 were either present (in person or by phone) or represented.

Attending:

BEIHANG U.: Jingpeng HUAI (represented by Jun HAN and Xudong LIU)

BULL: Jean-Pierre LAISNE (phone)

CVIC SE: Xinhai JING (represented by NIU Wenqiang)

DOCSC: Cheng YUAN

ENGINEERING: Gabriele RUFFATTI

FRANCE TELECOM: Valère ROBIN

INRIA: Pierre PARADINAS (phone)

ISCAS: Tao HUANG (represented by Guo Changguo)

NUDT: Huaimin WANG

PKU: Hong MEI (represented by Jun HAN and Xudong LIU)

RED HAT: Sacha LABOUREY

THALES: Serge DRUAIS

CHARLES U.: Petr TUMA (phone)

EBM WebSourcing: Bertrand ESCUDIE (represented by PY GIBELLO)

EDIFIXIO: Thierry HUMBERT

EUROPEAN DYNAMICS: Panagiotis RENTZEPOPOULOS (phone)

EXO PLATFORM: Benjamin MESTRALLET

EXPERLOG: Pierre-Yves GIBELLO

OBEO: Stéphane DRAPEAU

TALEND: Cédric CARBONE

XWIKI: Ludovic DUBOST (represented by Vincent MASSOL)

Individual members representative: François LETELLIER

CEO: Cédric THOMAS

Absent: ETERATION: Naci DAI, FRAUNHOFER FOCUS: Gerd SCHUERMANN, GMRC: Hongbo XU

Attending at the invitation of the Board: Jacques Cayuela (OW2 CTO), Cherry Bian (OW2 China Coordinator), Grégory Lopez (Thales),

3. Agenda Review

Additional item: licences policy for OW2, compatibility of licences necessary to integration projects, status on the GPL3 licence

This item cannot be discussed today but will have to be addressed at next board meeting.

4. Approval of Agenda

The agenda is approved

5. Introduction of new Directors

No new Director since last Board meeting.

Introduction of the Chinese members, invitation to a future board in China

6. Minutes of the previous meeting

7. Business arising from the minutes

These Agenda items were covered without discussion. meeting in China

8. CEO Report

Review of slides sent in advance to all board members

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- Real problems caused by poor availability of IT infrastructure, had impact on broad membership recruitment
 - Setup a reference implementation integrating several products of OW2 to show the consistency of code base
 - Subjects for discussion to be initiated in the board list:
 - 1.Rules for introduction of reference implementation
 - 2.Rules for introduction in the code base representation
 - 3.Licensing rules
 - Meetings in China in October: still limited contribution from companies, open source still in a maturation process in China
 - Positive signals on the need for middleware in China (more than on operating system)
 - Communication, Collaterals: lot of progress achieved
 - JavaOne: proposal for the \$20.000 Turnkey exhibitor booth
 - Need for press release on testimonials and case studies, new studies
 - The consortium is in a good growing mood
 - Dashboard: all management areas have now 2 stars out of 3
 - The dashboard is nice but we need to have objective metrics (download numbers, members list, etc.)
 - Key Issues: 1) membership development, 2) techno infrastructure, 3) visibility, 4) CEO overload 5) strategic members contributions => 5 full time people 6) MO managers availability 7) code contribution 8) china synergies 9) councils participation 10) technological strategy and vision
 - CEO role: currently can't do membership development because of many small tasks that has to be done: situation acceptable for first year but not sustainable
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9.Strategic Members contribution

- Covered:
 - SysAdmin: covered since DEC17
 - Activity coordinator: covered
 - Web master: covered
 - Event coordinator: covered
 - Coordination with China: covered
 - Part time contributions acceptable or not? For the CEO, it's difficult to work with a person dedicated only for 20% of his/her time
 - Action: CEO to individually contact each strategic member to assess their contribution before next board meeting at the end of January 2008.
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10.OW2 Budget discussion

- 2007 has been critical in setting up the OW2 operations
- 2008: burning the 2007 cash to finance OW2 growth => challenge to have balanced accounts by the end of 2008
- 2008 will be critical in validating the sustainability of our model: Membership growth must be the priority in 2008
- 2008 should serve to prepare to have a stable and sustainable situation so 2009 runs smoothly.
- 2008: fees projection is quite a conservative, or pessimistic, scenario regarding new members (but based on limited churn for current members)
- Need to recruit more memberships especially strategic ones
- Can we put a metric on the CEO or consortium members on membership development?
- The consortium needs some objectives: do they apply to the CEO, to strategic members, to everybody?
- OW2 mission is "grow the code base, develop the ecosystem", so we have our objectives.
- The board is asked to accept the budget or not. Can we have different scenarios to choose from?

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- The board had the opportunity to propose different scenarios by mail
 - In 2008, we are still operating under constraint, there aren't different scenarios but to run the consortium as it is
 - Having a pessimistic budget is a good thing, having pessimistic objectives is a bad thing
 - Review the budget every 3 months and also the consortium objectives
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11. Councils recommendations

- Technology council:
 - o Among the 10 priorities, technology is important to achieve the vision "leading open source middleware" and differentiate OW2. OW2 must provide good technology to support new and innovative technological features to address software evolution, trustworthiness, collaboration. We need more than a framework, we also need to verify it is able to run in operational environments (SLA, QoS, dependability, ...). We need a OW2 technology spirit, a leadership.
 - o The TC or architecture group used to discuss technological vision and options such as component based software and unification of OW2 project around convergent framework. We need to bring this kind of discussion again in the TC..
 - Ecosystem council:
 - o Position of OW2 with regard to W3C conference in April (organised by W3C and Beihang University) => to be discussed within the Ecosystem Council, INRIA to contact W3C to see what can be done for OW2
 - o Is OW2 communication focused on developers or do we try to reach a broader audience that could be addressed by large conference like W3C?
 - o Conclusion: seems to be an agreement on the participation at the first level (booth at \$5000). For higher level of participation, need to be checked by email on the board list rapidly (the information will be circulated).
 - o Another proposal from China is to have a board meeting in China co-located with the W3C conference
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12. Any other business

No other business

13. Next meeting of the Board

- Next physical board meeting: collocated with Solution Linux in Paris on January 28th, 29th, 30th
 - Board meeting to close the 2007 results and balance: phone call on February 13th
 - Second board meeting on strategy and objectives, opening of next board elections: March 12th
 - Tentative board meeting collocated with W3C in Beijing
 - General assembly: May 14th, first board meeting of the new board
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14. Chairman's Concluding Comments

- We had a good discussion on strategy and objectives; if we address them at each board meeting, we will progress together and achieve something
 - We have the agenda of next board meeting: strategy and objectives and looking forward discussion on the subject
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15. Adjournment

- Meeting was adjourned at 2pm
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