

<b>Meeting</b>	<b>OW2 Board meeting – 12 March 2008 – Summary of Minutes</b>
<b>Date</b>	12 March 2008 Telephone Meeting (plus meeting room provided by France Telecom at Issy les Moulineaux, France)
<b>Location</b>	

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

Essential tasks of this meeting is to close the accounts for 2007, launch the election for a new board and pursue the discussion threads initiated on Board mailing list.

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### **2. Quorum**

16 Board members out of 26 were either present (in person or by phone) or represented.

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

BULL: Jean-Pierre LAISNE (JPL)

CHARLES U.: Petr TUMA (PT), Petr HNETYNKA (PH)

CVIC-SE: NIU Wenqiang (NW)

EBM WebSourcing: Gaël BLONDELLE (GB)

ENGINEERING: Gabriele RUFFATTI (GR)

EUROPEAN DYNAMICS: Takis RENTZEPOPOULOS (TR)

EXPERLOG: Pierre-Yves GIBELLO (PYG)

FRANCE TELECOM: Valère ROBIN (VR)

INRIA: Pierre PARADINAS (PP)

ISCAS: WEI Jun (WJ)

NUDT: GUO Changguo (GC)

OBEO: Stéphane DRAPEAU (SD)

PKU: ZHOU Minghui (ZM)

Proxys:

Gabriele RUFFATTI for Individual Members representative.

CVIC-SE for BEIHANG U.

CEO: Cédric THOMAS (CT)

Absent: DOCS, EDIFIXIO, ETERATION, EXO PLATFORM, FRAUNHOFER FOCUS, GMRC, RED HAT, TALEND, THALES, XWIKI

Attending at the invitation of the Board: Cherry Bian (CVIC-SE and OW2 China Coordinator).

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### **3. & 4. Agenda Review and Agenda Approval**

The agenda is reviewed agreed upon as proposed

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### **5. Introduction of new directors**

No new director

### **6. Minutes of the previous meeting**

The minutes of the previous meeting were essentially comprised of notes for the board discussion threads to be discussed latter in this agenda and were not discussed as such.

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### **7. FY 2007 Accounts**

#### **7.1. Review of FY07 Financial Information**

CEO presents FY07 accounts on the basis of Financial Information document which was previously sent to board members.

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Consistency check: OK. Question about publishing accounts: OK. Format = slide with simplified data. Vote on the accounts. Accounts approved for 2007.

**Action:** CEO to send detailed accounts to the board list. And to prepare simple slide presentation of financial information for public access.

### **7.2. Review of current membership payment**

39% of membership invoice has been paid up to now. No worry about payment from Strategic Members.

### **7.3. Discussion on non-financial contribution by Strategic Members**

Strategic Members should respect their commitment. We need to have a clear vision of who contributes and what are the levels of contribution. It's a question of equity between Strategic Members. Slide 6 of Board Syllabus shows that at least 2 SM provide zero contribution. Another question is: are all FTE (full-time equivalent) really FTE? Does the organization run well or not? Remarks: contribution for MO can be several part-time. Part-time of full time it is more a question of whether it works or not. Some jobs have to be full time, some jobs can be part time, some SM can provide a combination.

There is also a question of accountability between SM, contributions must be transparent. It is not a competition between SM, or who is the best SM, it is just a question of complying with commitment.

In the end, if it does not work on voluntary basis then we have to change our rules and membership fees. We should enforce rules. If SM join it is because it is part of their strategies. May be too late this year but really we have to enforce it at least for 2009. Question: what does the activities coordinator really do? This role is useful only at the beginning of an activity.

**Action:** CEO to organize Strategic Members meeting to work out Strategic Members contributions, expectations and support to the consortium.

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## **8. Strategic Discussions**

### **8.1. Licensing Models Discussion**

Presented by Pierre-Yves Gibello

Active discussion on the mailing list. Highlights:

We should not ban any OSS license. In the end it is always a board decision. Anything impacting a project license must be published immediately. We should not ban any business model nor affect other members business models through our license. There are different project categories with relation to license models. IPR policy: there is incompatibility with GPLv3

Discussion:

Current IPR complies with requirements by large organizations which have large portfolio of patents and want to contribute to OW2.

Perhaps we should publish a statement saying GPLv3 is not compatible with OW2 IPR policy. Linux community is rejecting GPLv3; see Linus Torvald declaration about GPLv3. If a user requires GPLv3 it means they will never use Linux.

We should publish the explanation about "revocable non-assertion" in an FAQ.

We can reassess our IPR policy each year. But today, there is no need to change it. What about the "ransom" model in which licenses change over time. We must not accept a project based on its future license.

**Action:** CEO to update FAQ and harmonize sentences ("recommend" or not as in project life cycle vs FAQ)

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## **8.2. Business Models Discussion**

Presented by Jean-Pierre Laisné and Gabriele Ruffatti

Discussion:

Missing information such examples about different business models. Need to pursue discussion.

**Action:** Continue to circulate document. Answer open questions. This thread continues.

## **8.3. Projects Definition Discussion**

Presented by Gabriele Ruffatti

Discussion thread was launched late. Zero contribution so far. Main objective really is to review and complete the "Project Life Cycle".

Discussion:

The Project Life Cycle published last July is a high-level document. Now we need to get down to operational details. Last board already stated some rules for OW2 projects. TC Chairman has listed some criteria, plus there was some proposals to simplify down to two key questions: "does the project work?" and "does it meet technical standards?"

Important is project activity (download, mailing lists, uploads, etc.), and criteria for moving project along Incubator/Maturity/ Archive cycle.

Discussion currently in progress at TC, we can have some results pretty soon.

**Action:** TC to finalize Project Life Cycle. Discussion will be relaunched on the basis of the updated Project Life Cycle document.

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## **9. Code base consistency (the Himalaya program)**

Gaël Blondelle (TC Chair) introduces the program which was drafted after previous board discussion about reference implementation and reference architecture.

Discussion:

Nice because simple enough. But what is the process and do project leaders agree with this effort? It is a bottom-up approach, we must demonstrate that the compatibility matrix is useful.

What is the incentive for projects? If marketing, then let's make this clear..

The outcome of Initiatives must be in synch with, and provide input into the Himalaya program.

Himalaya is both about technology AND marketing, yes there will be press communication about Himalaya, and yes Initiatives are part of building the compatibility matrix between projects.

**Action:** TC to finalize Himalaya program, CEO to prepare communication campaign on Himalaya

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## **10. Business Intelligence Initiative change of status**

BI Charter was previously sent to Board members.

Very good job. A benchmark for future Initiatives. Chairman and CEO propose Board grants "Operational Status" to the BI Initiative.

**Board agrees to upgrade BI Initiative from Incubation to Operational status.**

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## **11. Opening of the elections**

### **11.1. Elections timeline**

Review of elections timeline presented by CEO

Discussion:

Ok with the timeline, start process asap.

What about payments vs voting rights? It could be a good opportunity to enforce bylaws. At least candidates must have paid their dues.

CEO will not announce elected candidates if contributions not fully paid. Will only accept votes from members who have paid or a have committed to pay.

JPL: "I will continue to represent Bull but I do not wish to be President of OW2 again. There should a Candidate for next Board".

CEO: thank you JP, driving force behind OW2, great working with you at building OW2, hope to continue.

VR: thank you and appreciation to JP

✎ established campaign process for president job. It has to be informal.

**Action:** CEO to launch election process, send letters to corporate and individual members.

### **11.2. Quarterly meeting**

Review of QM project presented by CEO. Dates: 14-15-16 May, 2008 in Grenoble, France. QM includes a 2-day Technology Council meeting as required by projects managers who want to have in-depth discussions and a full-day board.

Discussion:

One-day board? Yes because ½ day was too short. But whole day on the phone is way too long. Have one part on the phone and one part face to face.

Discussion challenging the QM organization. Finally we proceed with the quarterly agenda as initially presented.

**Action:** Management Office to proceed with the organization of the Quarterly Meeting. Organize board discussion so it does not require more than ½ day on the phone for distant participants.

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## **12. Any other business**

We should have a discussin item about Individual Members at next board meeting.

Question raised about actual level of Individual Members involvement: do we have the right kind of participation? Where are the IMs?

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## **13. Next meeting of the Board**

- Board meeting: 15 May in Grenoble, France. Board members dinner the evening before.
- Board will be part of the Quarterly Meeting agenda.

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## **14. Chairman concluding remarks**

*Meeting was adjourned at 1:00pm in Paris / 8:00pm in Beijing*

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## **8. Adjournment**

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