

Meeting	OW2 Board meeting – 25 September 2008 – Minutes
Date	25 September 2008
Location	Face-to-face meeting in Issy les Moulineaux, France. Hosted by France Telecom.

1. Chairman's Welcome Remarks

2. Quorum

ALCATEL LUCENT joined as the 14th Strategic Member, there should be 14 Corporate Members representatives plus 1 Individual Member representative for a total of 29 Board members. As from today, 15 members now constitute the quorum. We have the quorum at this Board meeting since there are 16 Board members either present (in person or by phone) or represented.

The attendance to this meeting of the board meets the quorum and all decisions can be validated.

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

ALCATEL LUCENT: Denis ATTAL

BULL: Jean-Pierre LAISNE (JPL)

BUAA: Jun HAN (by phone) (JH)

CHARLES U.: Petr TUMA

EBM WebSourcing: Bertrand ESCUDIE (represented by Gaël BLONDELLE - GB)

EDIFIXIO: Thierry HUMBERT (TH)

ENGINEERING: Gabriele RUFFATTI (by phone) (GR)

EXPERLOG: Pierre-Yves GIBELLO (PYG)

FRANCE TELECOM: Valère ROBIN (VR)

INRIA: Pierre PARADINAS (PP)

TALEND: Cédric CARBONE (CC)

SERLI: Jerome PETIT (JP)

SOGETI: Laurent Guerin (by phone) (LG)

Individual Members representative: François LETELLIER (FL)

Proxys: PKU, ISCAS represented by BUAA.

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

Excused: THALES

Absent: DOCSC, ETERATION, RED HAT, CVIC-SE, EUROPEAN DYNAMICS, SERPRO, NEOCICLO,

Attending at the invitation of the Board: Alain GRIGNAC (ALCATEL LUCENT), Alexandre LEFEBVRE (MO/FRANCE TELECOM), Michel CEZON (INRIA), Cherry BIAN (MO/CVIC-SE)

3. & 4. Agenda Review and Agenda Approval

- The agenda is reviewed and agreed upon as proposed

5. Introduction of New Directors

- Denis Attal introduces ALCATEL LUCENT and explains the opportunity and the motivation for joining.
- Introduction of Alcatel-Lucent as a new strategic member : is going to publish as open source as a service platform for network application based on Java and use OW2 to promote it use in the whole industry

6. Minutes of the previous meeting

- The minutes of the previous meeting are approved.
- For information: Board minutes are sent to all board members for

validation after the meeting (usually within 10 days) and a summary is published on the web site for the sake of transparency on the consortium management

- The archives of the board mailing list are available to all board members.
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7. CEO Report on Operations

Management Office, Strategic Members contributions

- Not all Strategic Members commit resources according to the bylaws
- C Thomas says that the Management Office is performing at its maximum regarding its dedicated resources
- Some tasks are on-going and must be staffed and others are one-off and can be covered on demand.
- **ACTION:** C Thomas and V Robin will initiate the discussion among strategic members

Legal Issues

- There may be a problem with employees of member companies registering as individual members.
- **ACTION:** F Letellier representing individual members will assess the current situation and propose some actions to improve it (dedicated email for Corporate Members' employees,).

IPR policy

- Tools to address the problem of numerous licenses are being evaluated: Fedora-type matrix, FOSSology. Contacts have been established between OW2 and FOSSology.

Association Life

- Annual Conference: organized along with Solution Linux; 2 tracks with the risk of low attendance; the program is important especially big names well known in open source.
- Room for a Telco dedicated session
- G Ruffatti propose to organize the BI session through the BI Initiative.
- **ACTION:** President of the Board renewal: P Paradinas will lead a subgroup to publish a "job description" and clarify the election process. P Paradinas is waiting for suggestions and inputs from board members.

Membership Development

- Roadshow in Italy: report has been published on Web site.
- China: a roadshow with 2 big events will take place in October; a liaison is being made through the Technical Council with the Chinese project Trustie.
- A significant pipe of prospective members is presented by C Thomas.
- Academic members are under-represented in OW2 although they should be important contributors to the consortium.
- Need some support from members to recruit new members
- **ACTION:** End users: C Thomas will circulate a proposition to create a new category of Corporate Members.

Technology Council

- Intensive work on project classification: 70 projects were evaluated out of 145; 31 projects are considered mature, 13 incubating projects, 23 archive project and 8 are garbage project.

Ecosystem Council

- The council is currently working upon request of the Board or the MO but initially it was supposed to take charge of "marketing" and communication of the consortium. But none of the regular participant in the EC have marketing or communication expertise.

- JP Laisné propose to freeze and to “reset” the Ecosystem Council after refining its missions.
- **ACTION:** C. Thomas to lead the re-launch of the Ecosystem Council. Will involve in the process ALCATEL LUCENT, BULL, TALEND and Michel Cezon.

Initiatives

- Initiatives should not be seen as a burden done for the consortium but should directly benefit the members involved. The consortium doesn't want to “push” unwanted initiative.
- **ACTION:** evaluate whether to kill the e-Gov Initiative or reset it with a new lead.

Other items in CEO report were covered with no specific remarks or discussion. Q4 priorities are membership development and legal fine-tuning.

8. Review of On-Going Strategic Discussions

- No activity on these discussions since last Board.
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9. Budget Status and Outlook

- Acceleration in 2008 lead to a negative result in 2008 which is covered by available cash.
- Idem in 2009. membership growth is required to balance budget
- The proposed budget is reasonable and was not challenged.

10. Communication Plan discussion

- To address the analysts we need more end users' use cases to promote OW2 in their papers and synthesis.
 - As we discovered at JavaOne, it is more efficient to communicate on projects first (more efficient that on companies).
 - Another characteristic is that as essential as middleware can be, it is certainly not funky! Difficult to show middleware in an attractive demo... We have to work on this.
 - Annual Conference: some sponsoring packages are available to member companies. Members should support communication about the Annual Conference.
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11. Membership development priorities

- Board agrees with CEO recommendations:
 - One new Strategic Member
 - 2-6 Corp LORGS
 - 4 Corp SMORGS and Academia
 - 4 Corp Micro and University Labs.
 - Important to develop Academia and LORGS
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12. Any Oher Business

- No other business
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13. Next meeting of the Board

- **Thursday, December 4, 2008, in Paris, France**, after the Open World Forum in Paris. Venue could be provided by EDIFIXIO (also possible: ALCATEL LUCENT, FRANCE TELECOM)
- **Tuesday, March 31, in Paris, France, 2009**, the day before the OW2 Annual Conference.

13. Chairman's Concluding Comments

- Congratulation to the TC
 - Thanks to Cedric
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18. Adjournment

- Meeting was adjourned at 12:30pm CET