

Meeting OW2 Board meeting – Minutes - Summary

Date 9 March 2011, Telephone and Face-to-face meeting held at France Telecom, Issy les
Location Moulineaux, France

1. Chairman's Welcome Remarks

2. Introduction of New Directors

- no new director
 - Pierre-Yves Gibello takes the opportunity to announce this is probably his last Board meeting (after more than 10 years of active participation since the beginning of ObjectWeb), JP Lorre will be the candidate for PetalsLink this year. PYG will of course keep in touch with OW2. Suggestion to have PYG as an honorary board member, without voting right, or at least as an invited participant to the board.
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3. Quorum

With 9 Strategic Members, 9 Corporate Members representatives and 1 Individual Member representative for a total of 19 Board members, 10 members constitutes the quorum.

With 8 members present or represented in this meeting, the quorum is not achieved.

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

1. Bull, Jean-Pierre Laisné (JPL)
2. Engineering, Stefano Scamuzzo (SS)
3. France Telecom, Valère Robin (represented by Alexandre Lefebvre - AL)
4. Fraunhofer Fokus, Gert Schuermann (GSc)
5. INRIA, Patrick Moreau (PM)
6. PetalsLink, Pierre-Yves Gibello (PYG)
7. Talend, Cedric Carbone (CC)
8. IM representative, François Letellier (FL)

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

Attending at the invitation of the board: OW2 CTO Alexandre Lefebvre (AL), Guillaume Sauthier (GSa), TC Chairman

Excused: Neociclo, BUAA, ISCAS, PKU, NUDT, CVIC-SE, Jaspersoft. Due to the Chinese Five Year Plan presentation, no Chinese members could attend.

Absent: Ingres, O-Engine, XWiki, CSTC

(Minutes by AL)

4. Agenda Review and Approval of Agenda

- The agenda is reviewed and approved without changes."
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5. Minutes of the previous meeting

- The minutes of the previous meeting are approved without comments
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6. General Assembly Report

- Membership is now measured by those who actually pay their dues.
 - Membership needs to be developed, in particular in Germany (where a roadshow is planned this year).
 - The number of new projects in 2010 was less than in 2009. A possible explanation is that Trustie has submitted a limited number of projects in 2010, compared to 2009.
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- An update of the Trustie roadmap for project submission seems necessary. The coming OSCi workshop in Beijing in March could be a good opportunity for such an update.
 - Project discussion: Good quality of recently submitted projects,
 - Project communication discussion: Weakness of the communication that projects provide through OW2 (press releases, case studies which are always a weakness - it is always difficult for OW2 to get success stories from projects).

7. Financial Update

- Update on membership dues payment at the date of the board meeting.
- The financial report to the General Assembly is, without modification, the one that had been presented to the board during the January 2011 meeting.
- Presentation of the monthly budget that was sent to the board.

8. Collaborative Projects Overview

- OW2 is a natural partner for community/open source dissemination work-packages in collaborative projects. However, we should keep a right balance between membership and collaborative projects, and not become a "collaborative project factory".
- Project launched: CHOReOS, CompatibleOne;
- Projects in preparation: CloudForce, Cirrus.
- CloudForce project discussion
- EU Support Action project discussion

9. Event Schedule

- Discussion of the following events (note this is only part of the events that are planned by OW2 in 2011)
 - IRILL Workshops
 - Germany Roadshow
 - Solution Linux
 - OWF
 - LinuxTag
 - Cebit.
 - JavaOne
 - DevoXX
 - Beijing Open Source Week

10. BI Initiative Update

- Engineering informs the board on the BI initiative latest development, and its direction of work in the next few months.
- The BI initiative is due to find a strategic member to lead the initiative in May 2011. Suggestion to suspend for another year for finding a new leader for the BI initiative.

Motion: moved by Engineering and seconded by Bull

- Postpone finding a new leader for the BI initiative for another year.
- This motion will be voted by mail on the board mailing list.

11. Other Business

- Introduction of Guillaume Sauthier to the board, as the newly elected chairman of the Technology Council and very active OW2 member. GSa works within Bull in JOnAS, and has been a supporter of OW2 for many years.
 - GSa report on the TC status. (see TC page on the OW2 website for latest update)
 - TC participation discussion: contact inactive people and ask them whether
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- they want to continue participating, or to nominate a replacement person.
- We also need to continue defining project lifecycle management, in particular for moving projects to archive, and take actions on mature projects which do not respect the rules any more.
 - Other TC discussions include the proposal for an "OW2 label", in order to tag "good guys".
 - SQuAT: CTO gives an update on SQuAT which is a strategic process in OW2 for 2011. CEO wants to formally stress the strategic importance of the SQuAT program for OW2; insists that we need SQuAT to make OW2 code legitimate and credible for our users. This was recognized during discussions with potential members.
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12. Planning and organization of next board of directors meetings

- The next board date is suggested to be held on May 11, and will be confirmed on a doodle.
 - The July dates will also be discussed on a doodle.
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13. Chairperson's concluding comments

14. Adjournment

- Meeting was adjourned at 11:45am CET