

Minutes of the October 26, 2021 Jakarta EE Steering Committee Meeting

Please refer to your meeting invitation for the zoom password.

Attendees:

Fujitsu: Kenji Kazumura

IBM: Ian Robinson, Kevin Sutter, Alasdair Nottingham, Neil Patterson

Oracle: Ed Bratt, Will Lyons

Payara: Steve Millidge

Red Hat: Scott Stark, Mark Little, John Clingan

Tomitribe: Cesar Hernandez

Enterprise Member representative: Not present

Participant member representative: Martijn Verburg

Committee member representative: Not present

(Quorum is 5 -- simple-majority or one-half of the members (if even number) must be present)

Eclipse: Paul White, Paul Buck, Tanja Obradovic, Ivar Grimstad, Shabnam Mayal

Review of Minutes from Prior Meetings

Minutes of the October 12 meeting will be reviewed next time.

Comments welcome on October 19 Working Group meeting minutes, will send out final minutes by end of week.

Jakarta EE Working Group Meeting

- Draft Minutes published:
<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1E52oax6Qw7hFcbE5gXyZC-fXhZ74KRYa/view?usp=sharing>
- Recording published:
<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1Gs2W8YcO-XOeGwLP1WjB5-7OsDWVVRVe/view?usp=sharing>
- Resources available in community drive:
<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1ZpqHUDrh-LAwLp9vr-Aw6Wg0z4lqpYcY>
- Primary takeaways for me:

- Comment on reaching out to educational institutions
- Information on guest membership
- Spring positioning
- Thank you to Tanja for her help with this
- Tanja also received comments to define a cadence
 - Neil recommended four times/year
 - Will will propose a schedule for next time

Program Plan and Budget Process

- From last meeting minutes:
 - Eclipse budgeting process reference.
 - Program plan due 1st week of November
 - Budget due third week of November
 - https://drive.google.com/drive/u/0/folders/1_TobVjm4SF69rrSrQ8LbPwI9C
 - Notes from last meeting (Oct 12) for reference
 - Link to Draft Program Plan Reviewed
 - https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1HOxe-zXRTTUzFcyllxKwsYukWQg5FORb0iayTVIt6U4/edit#slide=id.gae9757cb85_0_0
 - Align Jakarta EE and MicroProfile slide
 - The group agreed with my comments
 - Ian requested adding commentary on MicroProfile budget
 - Enable Ecosystem Transition to jakarta namespace
 - Kevin and Arjan made comments suggesting retention of this goal, even though progress has been limited in CY2021
 - Grow & Reward Committers and Contributors
 - Arjan suggested we consider monetary rewards
 - Alasdair recommended recognizing contributors to Specs and TCKs over compatible implementations
 - Arjan suggested follow up on splitting spec projects from TCKs
 - Acquire new working group members
 - Consensus to retain this goal, but recognize growth may be only incremental
 - 2022 Strategic Goals
 - This slide will be adjusted to match final plan content
 - Deliver Jakarta EE releases in 2022
 - This slide is OK, Scott will cover the topic in Oct 19 meeting
 - Simplify Release Process and Advance Implementation Neutrality
 - The Spec Committee and Platform Team are making ongoing progress in these areas

- For example, per Kevin, Jakarta EE 10 will be updating the Platform Specification to define the required content of "compatible implementations". This will allow the possibility of using alternate compatible implementations (ie. not just glassfish) for specification ratification.
 - The Spec Committee/Platform Team prefers to work on these items, but not to have specific slides/goals that are tracked
 - We will likely drop these slides entirely
 - Spec Committee designees will present on this topic Oct 19
 - Drive new value-add Jakarta EE Programs
 - This slide is likely to be dropped and any new programs reflected in the Marketing Committee plan "Drive Jakarta EE Brand, Awareness and Adoption"
 - Neil will present on this topic on October 19
 - Updates to slides
 - The following is the file previously reviewed last meeting:
 - https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1HOxe-zXRTTUzFcyIIXKwsYukWQg5FO_Rb0iayTVIt6U4/edit#slide=id.gae9757cb85_0_0
 - Made a Version 2 of this document:
 - https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1FI71lorGfKVpKINnUPYkqklErXDlxO1IKaA-mOXAGMA/edit#slide=id.gf0a3efaa3c_1_0
- Changes in this version include:
- Added date to slide 1
 - Deleted "2021 Strategic Goals" slide
 - Propose deleting the following from the "2021 Strategic Goals" slide, and the corresponding detail slides
 - Simplify Release Process - per comments from last meeting
 - Advance Implementation Neutrality - per comments from last meeting
 - Drive new value-add Jakarta EE Programs - assume evangelism and badging reflected in marketing plan
 - Need updated slides for "Drive Jakarta EE Brand, Awareness and Adoption"
 - Neil will integrate into the deck by Friday Oct 29
 - Updated "Align Jakarta EE and MicroProfile" slide per last meeting and notes in V1 version of the plan
 - Updated "Enable Ecosystem Transition to jakarta namespace" to focus on monitoring adoption
 - Martijn will review and if appropriate log an issue to publish data on vendor adoption
 - Neil expects to include specific plans in this area
 - No change to "Grow & Reward Committers and Contributors"

- Action: Share with the group what has been done to recognize contributions including specs
<https://twitter.com/JakartaEE/status/1337474382348902400>
<https://twitter.com/JakartaEE/status/1338878491178250241>
 - Group should consider SWAG giveaways
- No change to “Acquire new working group members”
- Would like to include marketing slides and provide as a draft to the Eclipse Foundation by Nov. 2 as our Program Plan Draft
 - The group agreed with this
- Intend to share in WG alias unless there are objections
 - There were no objections
- Budget
 - Request comments from members on whether members plan to renew current membership levels (The Jakarta EE membership fees have not been changed). The following is not intended as a statement of commitment, only current intent.
 - Red Hat will be dropping Strategic Membership and joining as an Enterprise Member
 - Oracle intends to renew its Strategic membership
 - Payara intends to renew its Strategic membership
 - IBM intends to renew its Strategic membership
 - Fujitsu intends to renew its Strategic membership
 - For remaining members, if there is a potential change let the Eclipse Foundation know.
 - The Eclipse Foundation will propose a draft budget prior to the next Steering Committee meeting (Nov 9) - our goal is to close the budget on Nov 9.
 - Review comments from Paul White on MicroProfile funding
 - BACKGROUND
 - Recall that the Steering Committee, and in particular the Strategic members, took the unanimous decision in October 2020, with the Foundation’s support, to allocate funds from the 2021 budget for this purpose.
 - The Foundation’s reasoning for its support at the time was that forming the MicroProfile working group with as wide a collection of members as possible would be beneficial to all involved, and to avoid having to wait for some of the Strategic members of Jakarta EE to secure funding internally, this approach would jump-start the membership and expediently get the MicroProfile working group launched. Also, given the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic, there was a one-time carry forward of \$73K from the 2019 Jakarta EE

budget available which lessened the impact to the other priorities of the 2020 Jakarta EE Program Plan resulting from the allocation to MicroProfile.

■ DECISION FOR 2022

- As was discussed at the last Steering Committee meeting, a decision will need to be taken whether such support fits within the 2022 Jakarta EE Program Plan, and whether the Jakarta EE funds ought to be allocated from the budget again this year for the same purpose.
 - I had stated at the last meeting that should Jakarta EE's available budget drop from its current ~\$1.3M, the Foundation would be against Jakarta EE funds being allocated to MicroProfile in a similar manner as in the current fiscal year. The reasoning is simple - the ongoing costs related to the work done by the Foundation in support of Jakarta EE would be negatively impacted by the reduction below \$1.3M, and acting in good faith on behalf of all of the members of Jakarta EE, it would be inappropriate to lessen the program work done by the Foundation while still continuing this practice of funding MicroProfile working group in this manner.
 - For certainty, should the funds available remain at its current ~1.3M and the Strategic members of the Steering Committee form a consensus in their desire to continue this practice for 2022, then the Foundation will support it. However, we remind everyone that there are other considerations in terms of program priorities, for example to increase the promotion of Jakarta EE 10, the potential introduction of a badging and certification process as well as other new initiatives, etc.
- John Clingan stated that he prefers an arrangement that does not suggest MP is subordinate to Jakarta EE
 - Ian commented that IBM's expectation is that the Jakarta EE Working Group fees (\$300K) would cover fees for MicroProfile (however that is done). Does not agree with the position of the EF, unless adopted the SC
 - Alasdair does not believe the community is aware of Jakarta EE funding of MicroProfile
 - Steve Millidge said that he believed the budgets should be independent
 - Cesar believes the budgets should be independent
 - Martijn believes the budgets should be independent

- Paul indicated that the Eclipse Foundation has no desire to change the fees of the two Working Groups
- There are a number of options for resolving this budgeting question:
 - Keep Jakarta EE strategic membership and MicroProfile fees as they are currently, but discontinue the Jakarta EE WG funding of the MicroProfile Working Group, and the crediting of MicroProfile Working Group funding to Strategic members . This would imply an increased level of spending for any Jakarta EE Working Group strategic members who wish to maintain their current membership levels in both groups.
 - Reduce the Jakarta EE WG strategic membership fees by amount corresponding to the Microprofile Working Group membership fees. This would enable existing Jakarta EE Working Group strategic members to maintain their current membership levels in both groups at the same total fees as last year. Changing Jakarta EE WG strategic membership fees would require a supermajority vote of the Steering Committee and the approval of the Eclipse Foundation Executive Director.
 - Keep Jakarta EE strategic membership and MicroProfile fees as they are currently, and continue the Jakarta EE WG funding of the MicroProfile Working Group, and the crediting of MicroProfile Working Group funding to Strategic members. This would be contrary to the recommendation of the Eclipse Foundation.
 - Will volunteered to lay out the above proposals in detail, and create an email discussion.

-----The following items were not discussed-----

Jakarta EE Q3 Progress Update (not discussed)

- Do not expect to have time for review this meeting, but noting for future review: https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1-cTpe3mLLERiJKONAgY9KbGeoWBcS4Cz-_D1GBoH6xE/edit#slide=id.gd037bb6413_0_0

Comment from Amelia Eiras (old agenda item - let's identify next steps)

- Not addressed last meeting, can we have an owner?
 - I wonder if we could finally process this ticket request [Website Feature] Add the Jakarta EE Budget to its website under Membership Tab as a PERMANENT item #58 submitted in December 16th, 2020?

Patent License Exception Process (old agenda item - let's identify next steps)

- Note from Scott Stark on Oct 7:

As outlined in <https://github.com/EclipseFdn/EFSP/issues/67>, Red Hat believes that we are not adequately dealing with the requirements around choosing a patent license for a specification project. We propose that any future voting on license exceptions be done via an electronic 7 day ballot.

This should be an agenda item for the next Steering Committee meeting.

- Note from Kevin Sutter on Oct 7

I would like to point out one additional disconnect with choosing a patent license...

The ballot for allowing an exception to the default patent license is a simple majority. And, this is held in the Steering Committee.

While, the ballot for a project creation review is a super majority. And, this is held in the Spec Committee.

Since there is mucho overlap between the Steering and Spec Committee participation, this project creation ballot could override the patent license exception ballot. I raised this issue while reviewing the EFSP 1.3, but it was determined to be beyond the 1.3 version. (I still need to create a separate issue for the next rev of the EFSP.)

- This question may be affected by the status of the EFSP
- Are next steps required

JakartaOne Livestream status report (Tanja Obradovic)

- Update from Tanja
- Link to be added
 - https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/10BfyhzP2GNfMme9siD2f8Af5_MGTQzWFOXIG2751yEE/edit#slide=id.gef656cc992_1_16
- Please sign up for Vendor Talks
 - https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1jknN2BxqJHvnknpMbEZj_zmCaoxMIRjzhXHO7Gn-LLE/edit#gid=1128549320

Election Process (old agenda item)

- Original note from Zahra

The Jakarta EE Working Group Charter [1] identifies three key committees to drive the various facets of the working group for which there are annual elected positions to be filled: the Steering Committee, the Specification Committee, and the Marketing and Brand Committee.

The elected positions are to represent each of the Enterprise Members, Participant Members, and Committer Members. Note that Strategic Members each have a representative appointed to these committees, and thus Strategic member companies do not participate in this election.

Through this email, we are announcing that the Foundation will hold elections on behalf of the working group using the proposed timetable listed below.

All members are encouraged to consider nominating someone for the positions, and self-nominations are welcome. The period for nominations is September 8, 2021 - September 16, 2021. Nominations should be sent to this mailing list indicating related Committee/Seat.

Once nominations are closed, we will announce the candidates, and will distribute ballots via email. The election process will follow the Eclipse "Single Transferable Vote" method, as defined in the Eclipse Bylaws [2].

The winning candidates will be announced on this mailing list shortly after the elections are concluded.

Election Schedule

Nomination Period: September 8, 2021 - September 16, 2021

Election Period: September 21 - 28, 2021

Winning Candidates Announced: September 30, 2021

The following positions will be filled as part of this election:

Steering Committee

One seat allocated for Participant Members

One seat allocated for Committer Members

Specification Committee

One seat allocated for Participant Members

One seat allocated for Committer Members

Marketing and Brand Committee

One seat allocated for Participant Members

One seat allocated for Committer Members

Please note while all Committees provide for two seats allocated for Enterprise Members, there are currently only two Enterprise level members of the working group. As a result, there is no requirement to hold an election for those seats.

Please let us know if you have any questions.

[1] https://www.eclipse.org/org/workinggroups/jakarta_ee_charter.php

[2] <https://www.eclipse.org/org/documents/>

Best Regards,

Zahra

- See email from David Blevins on Sept 10:

Seems like we need to make a decision if we want the elections to be at the same time every year or for a 12-month period regardless of when they happen. Here are all our election announcements to date:

June 10, 2018 - <https://www.eclipse.org/lists/jakarta.ee-wg/msg00087.html>

May 21, 2019 - <https://www.eclipse.org/lists/jakarta.ee-wg/msg00288.html>

March 30, 2020 - <https://www.eclipse.org/lists/jakarta.ee-wg/msg00410.html>

January 4, 2021 - <https://www.eclipse.org/lists/jakarta.ee-wg/msg00577.html> (marketing committee only)

I can live with either a fixed time every year or a strict 12-month policy. Some thoughts on both.

12-MONTH APPROACH

We had vacancies in the Marketing Committee from 2020 elections. We filled them earlier this year. If we follow the strict 12-month rule, we'd need to omit them from the elections we just announced. This means those seats will be out of sync with the rest. That can be survivable, but there are some policies we'd need to decide. One is what

happens if someone is elected as a chair, but their seat goes up for election mid-year and they do not win? Or they're elect to a seat, but change their membership class in January?

CALENDAR APPROACH

As far as I know, Memberships are not for 12 month terms, but begin in January and are pro-rated till Dec 31st if you join mid-year. This can be simpler, but can result in shorter terms in the event a vacant seat is filled mid year. If we go this route, we'd be likely smarter to keep elections fairly close-ish to the start of the year. Last year we kicked off in March, which gives us a good 9 month overlap with everyone's Eclipse and Working Group memberships, which seems pretty good. Elections can then also be a predictable event for the community.

In this approach sometimes people's seats will be shorter if they're filling a vacant seat.

What are people's thoughts or preferences?

Jakarta EE 10

- Plan reviews
 - <https://github.com/jakartaee/specifications/labels/plan%20review>
- Jakarta EE Core Profile Creation and Plan review
 - <https://github.com/jakartaee/specifications/pull/349>
- Scott's summary on October 19:
 - https://drive.google.com/file/d/1mVd8cU9mD_2UJxcuNIQ9V05_vQ1eNmaP/view?usp=sharing