

Minutes of the November 23, 2021 Jakarta EE Steering Committee Meeting

Please refer to your meeting invitation for the zoom password.

Attendees:

Fujitsu: Kenji Kazumura

IBM: Ian Robinson, Alasdair Nottingham, Neil Patterson

Oracle: Ed Bratt, Will Lyons, Dmitry Kornilov

Payara: Steve Millidge

Red Hat: John Clingan, Scott Stark

Tomitribe: Cesar Hernandez

Enterprise Member representative (Primeton): Jun Qian

Enterprise Member representative (Shangdong CVICSE): not present

Participant member representative: Martijn Verburg

Committer 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 Mayel

Review of Minutes from Prior Meetings

Minutes of the November 9 meeting will be reviewed next time.

Appreciation for Kevin Sutter

Kevin notified the Jakarta EE Steering and Spec Committees that he will be retiring from IBM at the end of the year.

The following resolution was unanimously adopted:

RESOLVED, that the Jakarta EE Steering Committee expresses its deep appreciation to Kevin Sutter for his many contributions to Jakarta EE and MicroProfile technologies. We will miss his knowledge, leadership and positive collaborative spirit, and wish him all the best in retirement.

Meeting Schedule

Proposed Steering Committee Calendar end of 2021 and early 2022

- Current

- December 7th - JakartaOne Livestream on the same day
- December 21st - we usually cancel this one due to the holidays
- January 4th - first day back for Eclipse Foundation and many others
- January 18th - proposed date for Jakarta EE Working Group call
- We agreed to change the schedule as follows:
 - November 30th
 - December 14th
 - January 11th
 - January 18th - Jakarta EE WG meeting

JakartaOne Livestream - Dec 7

Please visit [JakartaOne Livestream 2021 webpage](#) to find out what is visible to the public, and if you have not done it yet, please register for the event.

We are tracking registration numbers by week. So far we are doing as well as last year, even a bit better, but all of your support is needed in the promotion and that will further help the numbers. Our goal is to do better than last year.

Please find attached the [JakartaOne Speaker Template](#) for the Livestream on December 7th.

If anyone is interested in doing a vendor talk contact Tanja right away (see Tanja's mail from last week).

Jakarta EE Working Group Meeting

- Cadence of meetings
 - Neil recommended four times/year
 - Propose the following schedule.
 - January 18, 2022
 - April 12, 2022
 - July 12, 2022
 - October 11, 2022
- This schedule was confirmed

Jakarta EE Strategic Member Fees

- I would like to remove this as a variable in the next discussion item (Program Plan and Budget)
- There have been no further comments on the [Jakarta EE Working Group 2022 Strategic Member Fee Options](#) discussion which has been covered in meetings and email discussion.

- We agreed to conduct the budget discussion under the assumption that Jakarta EE Strategic Member Fees will remain unchanged (based on Option 1.a as described at the above link):
 - Keep Jakarta EE strategic membership fees as they are now.
 - The fees for Jakarta EE and MicroProfile Strategic Members would be as follows:

Corporate Revenue	Jakarta EE WG Strat Member Fee	Reduced MicroProfile WG Strat Member Fee*	Total Fees "Two separate WG fees: Jakarta same fee; MP reduced fee"
>\$1B	\$300,000	\$10,000	\$310,000
\$500M-\$1B	\$200,000	\$10,000	\$210,000
\$100M-\$500M	\$100,000	\$8,000	\$108,000
\$10M-\$100M	\$50,000	\$6,000	\$56,000
<\$10M	\$25,000	\$3,000	\$28,000
<\$10M and <10 empl	\$25,000	\$1,500	\$26,500

*As determined by the MicroProfile Working Group

Program Plan and Budget Process

- 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
- See notes from prior meeting minutes for additional references
- The [Candidate 2022 Jakarta EE Program Plan](#) was approved on November 9.
- Paul White sent out the following email on Nov 17:

Attached is the proposed [2022 working group budget](#), which takes into account the decrease in fees collected by the working group for 2022. Also attached is an updated version of the [2022 Program Plan](#). These are both in the Jakarta EE Steering Committee drive, and attached as PDFs for convenience.

The updates to the Program Plan are the items that are not included in the budget, and which we have highlighted in red. The intent is to note that, while those items are aspirational, they are not funded and therefore we shouldn't expect progress to be made against them during the year. It is possible to add

them back in should additional funding be secured. I'll point out that this step in the process of revising the Program Plan to match the realities of the budget is an expected part of the planning process.

One of those items not included in the budget is funding to establish a Jakarta EE badging program. As an update on this topic, we hope to provide the Steering Committee a summary of our investigation into creating and operating such a program shortly - but implementing the program will require additional funding nonetheless, given the other competing priorities.

@Will, can you please add to the agenda for November 23 to review the budget and the updates to the Program Plan. We will be seeking approval of the Steering Committee at that meeting that the budget is appropriate for the Program Plan as defined. The draft resolution to be voted on is as follows:

RESOLVED, the Steering Committee approves the revised 2022 Program Plan and the 2022 Jakarta EE budget as presented and amended.

- Paul's proposal was discussed. No changes were made to the proposed budget. Some of the modifications Paul had made to the Program Plan were further amended. After reaching consensus on the Program Plan content, the resolution was introduced (using the language from Paul's mail) and voted on as follows:

RESOLVED, the Steering Committee approves the revised 2022 Program Plan and the 2022 Jakarta EE budget as presented and amended.

Vote:

Fujitsu: +1

IBM: +1

Oracle: +1

Payara: +1

Red Hat: +1

Tomitribe: abstain

Enterprise Member representative (Primeton): +1

Enterprise Member representative (Shangdong CVICSE): not present

Participant member representative: +1

Committer member representative: not present

The resolution passed, and the revised 2022 Program Plan and the 2022 Jakarta EE budget were approved.

Jakarta RPC Compatibility License Request and Patent License Exception Process

- Per last meeting, Oracle is proposing Jakarta RPC specification with Aleks Seovic as the project lead. He has requested permission to use the CPL. We request the steering committee consider our proposal and hope it will grant our request.
- Oracle intended to introduce the following proposed Resolution:

Resolved, that the Jakarta EE Steering Committee approves use of the (non-default) Compatibility Patent License (CPL) for the Jakarta RPC specification project.

- There was too little time to discuss this properly, and the consensus of the group was to defer this discussion to the Nov 30 meeting. This will be the first item on the agenda.

Patent License Exception Process Follow-up from last time (not discussed due to time constraints - will cover next week)

- Projects should be presented consistent with their actual approval status (e.g. if a creation review has not yet been approved, the project should be presented that way). There appeared to be consensus on this point.
 - No follow-up required
- Some specification process points discussed last time affect this Working Group, but are defined by the EFSP and outside of the scope of this Working Group. Proposals related to the Jakarta EE Specification Process are best addressed in the Specification Committee, with consultation or approval by the Steering Committee if required.
 - There is consensus on this approach
- Scott Stark indicated his general preference for an electronic voting mechanism. He indicated he would propose that any committee member can propose any item for vote using an electronic voting mechanism. Paul White indicated the Eclipse Foundation's preference for adopting either a deliberative process, including voting (as has been the primary model at the Jakarta EE Steering Committee to date).
 - Is follow-up on this topic required

Jakarta EE Q3 Progress Update (members were briefly reminded of this item)

- Refer to Tanja's note from Nov 15

I'd like to remind you and invite you to review [Jakarta EE Program Progress Update - Q3 2021](#), and let me know if there are any comments / questions.

Jakarta EE 10 messaging document (members were notified this item needs to be addressed)

- Steering Committee requested to provide messaging for the Marketing Committee regarding the Jakarta EE 10 release
- See the [Jakarta 9/9.1 messaging](#) document

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?

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