The Calendaring and Scheduling Consortium

A Nonprofit Mutual Benefit Corporation

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Agenda

- About the Consortium
- Goals and Activities
- Structure, Governance and Operations
- Membership
- Status

What is CalConnect?

A Partnership

 Between Calendaring & Scheduling Vendors and Customers

Mission

 To provide a general understanding of, promote, and provide mechanisms so that Calendaring and Scheduling methodologies, tools and applications can enter the mainstream of computing

Not a standards development organization

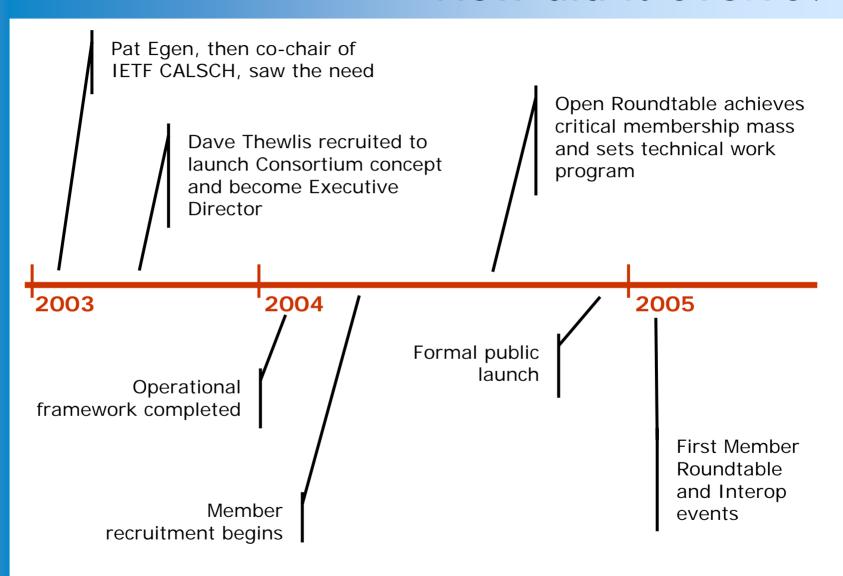
- Promotes development and adoption of standards
- Influence SDOs and vendors

Why a Consortium?

A focused environment to

- Re-energize Calendaring and Scheduling
- Provide a forum to discuss the direction for standards and implementations
- Validate the existing standards
- Provide interoperability testing
- Drive requirements for changes to existing standards, new and complementary standards back into IETF, other bodies
- Promote standards and technologies to the vendor and user communities

How did it evolve?



Goals of the Consortium

- Promote Calendaring & Scheduling
- Help drive the evolution of open standards for Calendaring & Scheduling (iCalendar, iMIP, iTIP, CalDAV)
- Conduct interoperability testing
- Collegial partnership between all members to achieve Consortium mission and goals
- Develop a shared vision for the Calendaring& Scheduling community

- Promote Calendaring and Scheduling
- Interop
- Promot standar
- Promot

- Press releases
- Media publications
- Trade shows
- Op ed pieces, articles and white papers
- Trade shows and speaking opportunities
- Regular Roundtables for members
- Develop a shared vision for the Calendaring and Scheduling community

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- Periodic interoperability testing events
- Promotional events and publicity to announce successful completion of testing
- Analyze results and report findings to IETF or other relevant standards bodies on correctness and completeness of standards
- Develop and implement independent test suites for interoperability conformance tests
- Potential to eventually certify applications for interoperability and conformance to Calendaring
 Scheduling standards

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- Feedback on existing standards on correctness and completeness
- Requirements assessment and development for extensions to existing standards or new, complementary standards
- Study and report needs of user community at large for standards and products

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- Promote inter-member collaboration to improve interoperability
- Promote inter-member collaboration on instruction and training
- Support inter-member efforts to define new areas for Calendaring and Scheduling

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- Support common goals of members
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- Member forum to establish and promote common goals for Calendaring and Scheduling products
- Establish common messages of member community as basis for promotional materials and publicity on Calendaring and Scheduling
- Possible annual conference

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- Develop a shared vision for the Calendaring and Scheduling community
 - Seek broad representation from vendors, academia, customers and the open source community
 - Sponsor roundtable discussions, online forums

Events

Interops (Interoperability Testing)

- Participation open to members and non-members (significant discount for members)
- Two day event usually co-located with Roundtable
- Results published to relevant standards org
- Public version on Consortium website

Roundtables

- "All hands" plenary meeting of membership
- Three per year midway between IETF meetings
 - help to drive each other
- Held in conjunction with Interops
- Technical committee working meetings
- Steering Committee meeting
- Review and status of technical committees
- Consensus on direction, next steps of Consortium

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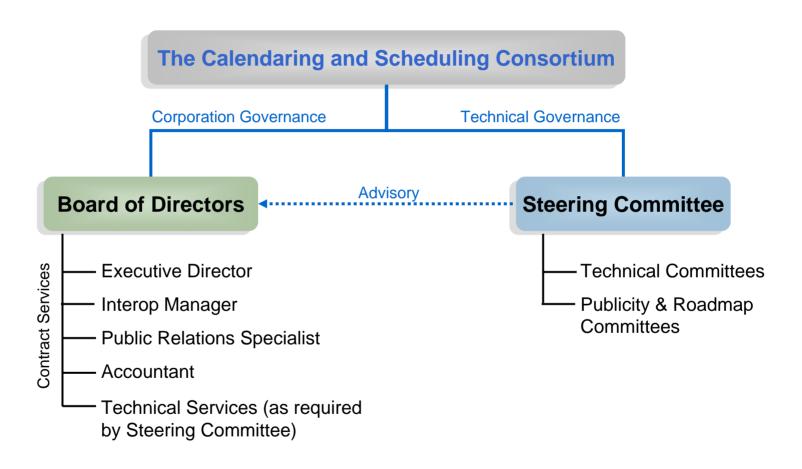
Workshops

- First workshop tentatively planed for 1Q2006
- Public workshop or invitational depending on goal & topic
- Open to non-Consortium members
- Could be co-hosted with Roundtable or independent event

Annual Conference

- Need is still under evaluation
- Would offer technology and product overviews, tutorials and classes, demonstrations and vendor offerings
- Public conference with member discounts
- Could be co-hosted or co-located with another organization or outsourced to a providing organization

Organizational Structure



Steering Committee

Membership

- Initially, Founding Members of the Consortium
- Will expand to include at least one of each membership category

Operations

- Monthly teleconference
- Meetings at Roundtables or other activities if needed

Governance

- Chair chosen by Steering Committee members
- Chair participates in Board of Directors meetings

Activities

- Overall technical direction
- Management of Technical Committees
- Consortium program elements
- Advice to the Board of Directors

Technical Committees

Membership

Individual TC members provided by Member Organizations

Operations

- Determined by TC Chair and TC membership
- TC Chair provides regular status to Steering Committee

Governance

- Any Consortium member may propose new work
- Charter, scope and deliverables identified in the proposal
- Chair confirmed by SC
- · Committee terminates when chartered work is complete

Operational policies

- In-progress work confidential to Consortium members only
- Completed work published and freely available on Consortium web site
- No proprietary information discussed

Technical Committees

AUTHENTICATE

Identify & recommend authentication and authorization solutions for Calendaring data exchange

CaIDAV

Define problems
CalConnect wishes to
solve with extensions to
WebDAV; assist IETF
with development of
CalDAV Specification

EVENTPUB

Define event publishing & establish differences from regular calendaring and scheduling

IOPTEST

Support interoperability testing for all technical committees, develop test suites & reference implementation, publish interop results

MOBILE

Define issues for mobile support of standardsbased Calendaring and recommend extensions to standards for mobile support

REALTIME

Clarify issues involved with realtime server-toserver calendaring and scheduling issues & provide recommendations

RECURR

Review problems in current alternative approaches towards handling recurrences & recommend a preferred approach or guidelines

TIMEZONE

Identify requirements for & a strategy to establish a global timezone reference available to CalDAV & other calendaring and scheduling server implementations

USECASE

Develop sets of real world use cases that can be used to validate identified functionality & testing scenarios for existing & future C&S implementations

Intellectual Property Rights

Consortium policy

 Members will not introduce or share proprietary or encumbered information in the course of participating in consortium activities

Resolution of ambiguous situations

- Reasonable compliance with IETF policy on IPR
 - "Section 10" of IETF RFC2026, Internet Standards Process
 - http://www.ietf.org/IESG/Section10.txt

Membership

Eligibility

- Any company, institution or individual who
 - supports the goals of the Consortium
 - agrees to abide by its rules
 - submits the proper membership application
 - pays the appropriate membership fee

Fees

- Published on the Consortium web site
- Based on membership category
- Due annually upon anniversary of joining the Consortium

Membership

Categories

- Commercial Vendor
 - >\$100 million annual revenue
 - \$10-100 million annual revenue
 - >\$10 million annual revenue
- Customer Organizations/Companies
- Non-Profit Organizations
- Open Source Organizations
- Academic Institutions
- Standards Setting Organizations
- Individuals

Membership

Benefits

- Voice in achieving Consortium objectives
 - Propose new work
 - Engage in one or more Technical Committees
 - Influence direction of TCs and Steering Committee
 - Participate in technical governance
- Recognition and publicity
 - Listing on Consortium web site
 - Opportunity for recognition in Consortium PR initiatives
- Reduced rate for Interop events
- Opportunity to host Roundtable or Interop events
- Help create true interoperable Calendaring & Scheduling

Membership

Founding Members







NASA/JPL Caltech







Novell.







symbian





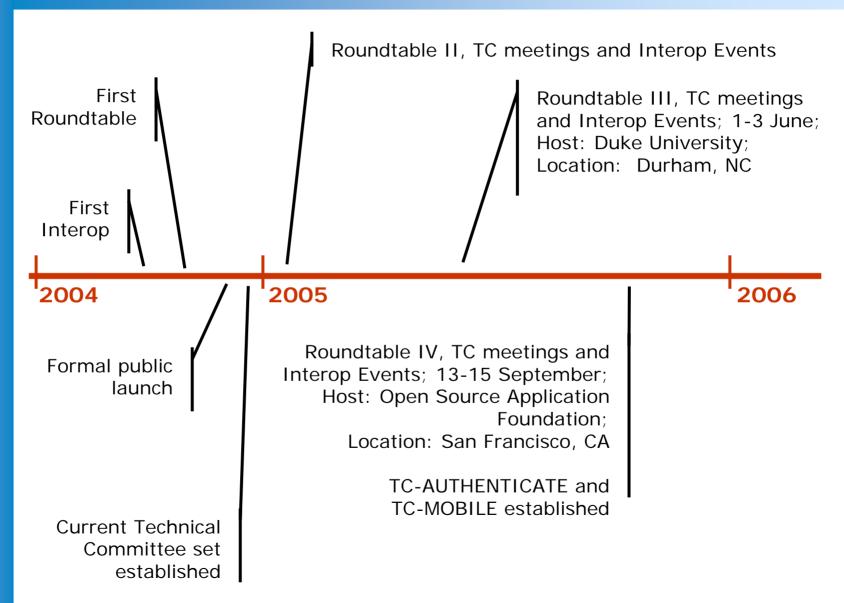




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Rensselaer Polytechnic
2 Individual Members

CSU Fresno IBM Trumba

Status



More Info; How to Get Involved

- Website: http://www.calconnect.org
- Contact us: info@calconnect.org
- Attend the next Roundtable as an observer
 - January 10-12, Provo, Utah
- For more information:

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