



**Technical Advisory Council Conference Call – 7:00am PST
Thursday 5 December 2019**

1. Call to Order / Roll Call

a. In attendance

- i. Stephen Walli (Microsoft)
- ii. Dave Thaler (Microsoft) * (Chair)
- iii. Mike Bursell (Red Hat) *
- iv. Simon Johnson (Intel) *
- v. Grant Likely (Arm) *
- vi. Faiyaz Shahpurwala (Fortanix)
- vii. Richard Searle (Fortanix)
- viii. Stephano Cetola (LF)

b. Guests / Observers

- i. Ahmad Atamlh (Mellanox)

c. Not in attendance

- i. Xiaoning Li – (Alibaba) *
- ii. Zhipeng Huang – (Huawei) *
- iii. John Haxby (Oracle) *
- iv. Brandon Baker (Google) *

*voting member

2. Motions

- a. The board approves the minutes of November 14, 2019.

3. Action Item Reviews

- a. Charter Scope still needs to be defined. Action item added.
- b. Submission template is under way. Action items to move this forward.
- c. Stephano will investigate GitHub as a possible solution for document collaboration using markdown files (.md). The reason for this is that the wiki is difficult to export, and not ideal for document collaboration. We could also use GitHub's issue tracker to track web site requests.
- d. Stephano will upload the Project Progression Policy doc to GitHub as part of the collaboration efforts and notify the list.

4. Budget Review

- a. We still need clarity on many of the line items on the budget. Stephen, Stephano, and the LF are working to provide these. Most urgently we'd like to know what License Scanning, Test Infra, and General Infra include, and how those are implemented.

5. Outreach Committee

- a. The question of how to collaborate with the Outreach Committee around things like the website. This will be discussed going forward as we develop more infrastructure to collaborate.

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- b. The Outreach group is looking for acronyms and terms that they should be using when developing their material. As we reach out for new members and projects, as we have conversation with policy makers, what are the documentation the TAC feels might be required for those efforts to be successful? Mike will put together a list of possible candidate techs.

6. Events

- a. Linux Conf AU is small (400ish attendees) and no expo hall, making it less than ideal for us. Stephen will report back on [SCaLE](#), which may be a better fit.

7. Scheduling

- a. We will be meeting next in January since the holiday will get in the way.
- b. There is agreement that 1 hour every 2 weeks is not enough time to be productive. This has resulted in us doing a lot of housekeeping and not talking about technical topics.
- c. We need to use the mailing list more as well. This will give us more time during the meetings.

8. Action Items

- a. [Mike/Stephen] Work with the GB on charter scope.
- b. [Stephano] Create a list for submission of the Project Proposal Template. Add the chair and the PM to that list.
- c. [ALL] Review the Project Proposal Template, currently located here: <https://lists.confidentialcomputing.io/g/tac/wiki/Project-Proposal-Template>
- d. [Stephano] Research GitHub, if it meets our needs (and the LF doesn't have a better turnkey solution), create an org and add a document repository project to store and collaborate on docs.
- e. [Stephano] Upload the Project Progression Policy to GitHub and notify the list.
- f. [Stephano/Stephen] Work with the LF to better define budget line items. See budget section for details on immediate questions.
- g. [ALL] If you have thoughts about the website, please send those to Stephano. He will eventually provide a better way (wiki list, perhaps GitHub issues) to track those requests and their progress.
- h. [Mike] Put together a list of possible candidate technologies, around ½ a dozen, send it to the TAC list for review, then after review send to the GB. E.g. FPGAs, homomorphic encryption, a fully software virtualized trusted execution environment, hardware/software TEE, TPM technology, multi-party computation. You may want to define those for the GB (and for some of us) so that we can agree on them.
- a. [Simon] Chat with Jesse about documents that the consortium might publish as white papers so that Intel can coordinate with the Outreach committee.
- b. [Stephano] Email the list to start the discussion around if we should meet more regularly or for a longer period of time.
- c. [ALL] Please email the list, or Stephano/Dave directly with any comments regarding how they would like to see the meetings improve.

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Meeting adjourned at 8:01 am PST on December 5th, 2019. The next conference call is scheduled for January 9th.

Respectfully submitted by Stephano Cetola, Acting Secretary, on December 5, 2019.