



**TAC Conference Call – 7:00am PST
Thursday 12 November 2020**

1. Call to Order / Roll Call

1.1. In Attendance

- 1.1.1. Dave Thaler (Microsoft, TAC Chair) *
- 1.1.2. Aeva Black (Microsoft)
- 1.1.3. Brandon Baker (Google)
- 1.1.4. Dan Middleton (Intel)
- 1.1.5. Dimitrios Pendarakis (IBM) *
- 1.1.6. FX Marseille (Thales)
- 1.1.7. Giuseppe Giordano (Accenture) *
- 1.1.8. Grant Likely (Arm)*
- 1.1.9. Guzongmin (Ant Group)*
- 1.1.10. Hannes Tschofenig (Arm)
- 1.1.11. Jethro Beekman (Fortanix)
- 1.1.12. Liam Coffey (AMD)
- 1.1.13. Michael Lu (Arm)*
- 1.1.14. Naveen Cherukuri (NVIDIA)
- 1.1.15. Roy Hopkins (R3)
- 1.1.16. Scott Schweitzer (Xilinx)
- 1.1.17. Seth Knox (Outreach Chair)
- 1.1.18. Simon Frost (Arm)
- 1.1.19. Simon Johnson (Intel) *
- 1.1.20. Simon Leet (Microsoft)
- 1.1.21. Stephen Walli (Microsoft)
- 1.1.22. Xinxin Fan (IoTEx)
- 1.1.23. Stephano Cetola (Linux Foundation)

1.2. *voting member

2. Move to approve minutes

- 2.1. The Technical Advisory Council approves the minutes from the October 29 meeting with one abstention and no objections.

3. Action Item Review

- 3.1. [Mike] Ensure that a TAC budget line item for 1 Zoom account for OE SDK
- 3.2. [David Kohlbrenner/Stephano to remind] Please provide a list of the licenses used by Keystone for crypto implementations, specifically to ensure that they are all OSI approved.
- 3.3. [Stephano] Ping Mike if we can't redirect Enarx mailing list
- 3.4. [Aeva/Mike] Create straw-person for terminology proposal
- 3.5. [Stephen] Please reach out to Cat Allman regarding any details we can get on LISA21
- 3.6. [Stephano] Set up a vote for a chat system
- 3.7. [Seth/Stephano] Discuss how to properly version the whitepaper with the Outreach committee and ensure that the links from the TAC whitepaper point to the latest version.

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- 3.8. [Brandon] Provide a document on the formalization of the attestation interoperability working group, define scope, output criteria, goals, etc. [ON AGENDA]
4. **CCC 2020 Webinar and Future Webinars**
 - 4.1. 140+ registered, ~60 attendees, 21 questions (some anonymous)
 - 4.2. Stephano will send the TAC these questions via email and we may possibly want to add some of these questions to the FAQ.
 - 4.3. Possible topics for future webinars: TAC Whitepaper, Individual Projects, Attestation, other deep technical topics. Projects could do demos giving an overview of their software. We can have a queue of things for the next few months.
 - 4.4. We will post the webinar in video form on the website. The LF will likely host this on their YouTube account. Stephano is working on getting that updated this week.
5. **Dev Day Virtual Event**
 - 5.1. We had talked with the folks at Berkeley about working with them and their regular virtual event. The conversation turned into the fact that a virtual event might be a bit much, however a half day “dev day” where projects could collaborate on technical topics like attestation, organized agenda or set of talks, and could be open to the public might be a better idea.
 - 5.2. IETF had a hack-a-thon where everyone did indeed participate, however they participated on their own time zones. This limited cooperation at the event and the ability of developers to work together.
6. **Steve Riley’s notes from the TAC Whitepaper**
 - 6.1. See this document:
https://lists.confidentialcomputing.io/g/main/files/TAC/Meetings/2020/11-Nov/Confidential-Computing-Deep-Dive-white-paper_10.29.20%20-%20Gartner%20comments.pdf
 - 6.2. We reviewed his comments, which were overall very positive. Keep in mind he comes at this from a cloud background. His comments did indeed help to improve our whitepaper, but we feel that it also had an impact on his views / definitions of many of the confidential computing topics he covers.
7. **Annual Project Review: Open Enclave SDK**
 - 7.1. Please see this delta from their last project proposal document to review changes:
<https://lists.confidentialcomputing.io/g/main/files/TAC/Project%20Submissions/Accepted/Open%20Enclave%20SDK/Open%20Enclave%20SDK%20Project%20Review%202020.docx>
 - 7.2. Please note that listed here are the names of two specific production instances of the use of OE SDK. Those are public use cases which were not available last year.
 - 7.3. The “Open Enclave” trademark is now held by LF Projects, see [here](#) for details. The project technical charter has been filled out and is available [here](#).
 - 7.4. One current struggle is to get a more organizationally diverse set of main contributors. Some contributions from Intel have been pulled in recently.
 - 7.5. Please note in this document the “Project” (capital P) refers to OE SDK, where as “projects” lower-case P often simply refers to a repo in GitHub.
 - 7.6. No changes are being asked for in terms of the budget, so no discussion needed there.
 - 7.7. As a reminder, Enarx will be reviewed in January.
8. **Cross-project Chat System**
 - 8.1. https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1tO8wsgOyJd5CH3YxzeKWeihKG7w7HQgPdQakpV2_Jpk/edit#gid=0
 - 8.2. Since this chat system is specifically filling the needs of “cross-project” chat, we should think about what the needs are specific to this use case. For example, broad availability and the ability to bridge with other network systems might be higher priority than

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“secure” communication since this system would not be used for, as an example, vulnerability discussions.

- 8.3. Stephano will look into costs of the available systems and see which fit our needs for the lower costs. Also, we will send a message out to our project contacts with summaries of our options to get their feedback.

9. Annual Chair Election Timeline

- 9.1. Call for nominations closes on Nov 17.
- 9.2. Voting will start on the 18th and run for 1 week.
- 9.3. Voting will close just before US Holiday (25th).
- 9.4. Election results will be announced on December 1.

10. GitHub PR & Issues

- 10.1. PR #[50](#) (Define what a growth plan entails)

Action Items

1. [Stephano] Find the costs of the chat options over the course of a year and reach out to project contacts with details on our options to get their feedback.
2. [Stephano] Bring reasonable chat options to our projects to see if they have preferences as to the chat applications we might choose from.
3. [Stephano] Remove the current invite and set up an invite for Dec 3. We will likely setup up 1 more meeting for December and will resume repeating meetings in 2021. **[DONE]**

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 am PT on November 12, 2020. The next conference call will be scheduled for Thursday December 3.

Respectfully submitted by Stephano Cetola, Acting Secretary, on November 16, 2020.