Confidential Computing Consortium

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE GOVERNING BOARD

March 20, 2024

A regular meeting of the Governing Board of the Confidential Computing Consortium, a directed fund project of The Linux Foundation, ("Governing Board") was held on March 20, 2024 at 9:00 am Pacific Time via teleconference.

Voting Representatives and Alternates Attending:

Nelly Porter, Google
Ronald Perez, Intel -
Stephen Walli (Represented By **Alec Fernandez)**, Microsoft
Vini Jaiswal, TikTok
Manu Fontaine, Hushmesh (General Member representative)
Samuel Ortiz, Rivos, Inc. (General Member representative) -

Representatives and Other Participants Attending:

Ben Sternthal, Linux Foundation
Sal Kimmich, Linux Foundation
Leonardo Garcia, Linaro (Outreach Vice-Chair)

Call to Order

Ron Perez (RP) called the meeting to order at 9:03 am PT. Ben Sternthal (BS) recorded the minutes. A quorum of voting representatives was established. BS reviewed the antitrust compliance notice and the mission statement.

Agenda

BS reviewed the agenda. There were no additions to the agenda.

Directory

BS reviewed the current directory of voting and non-voting governing board members and representatives.

Minutes Approval

BS asked for a motion to approve meeting minutes from February 21, 2024. Upon motion duly made and seconded all were in favor, it was therefore unanimously:

> **RESOLVED:** That the minutes of the February 21, 2024 meeting of the Governing Board of the Confidential Computing Consortium as distributed to the members of the Governing Board in advance of this meeting are hereby adopted and approved.

Action Item Review

BS reviewed the action items, highlighting that Nvidia had decided to upgrade their membership to premier as part of their renewal.

Budget

BS reviewed the current budget. BS went over the Outreach budget and committed to providing the board with an updated revenue forecast in the next meeting. Vin Jaiswal (VJ) asked about the research budget and BS responded that they should feel free to contact Michael and Sal to understand the state of the current project with LF research. BS went on to explain that the entire research budget is available for 2024.

Start-up Encouragement Plan

BS provided an update on the start up encouragement plan explaining that finance provided guidance on how the tiers should be structured. BS went on to state that he is waiting for LF legal to provide a draft of changes and once that is received it will be distributed to the board.

Technical Community Architect Update

Sal Kimmich (SK) provided an update on activities at Kubecon and project engagement. Vini Jaiswal (VJ) asked if we had anyone at the Nvidia GTC conference. Ron Perez (RP) stated that the consortium was not present, but member companies were. Nelly Porter stated that Google's conference is upcoming and would be held in Las Vegas with many talks dedicated to confidential computing. Vini Jaiswal voiced their support.

Outreach Committee Update

Leonardo Garcia (LG) provided updates in Kate's absence. LG reviewed OC3 and PET summit. LG went on to describe the booth presence at RSA and that we have an opportunity to showcase videos.

LG stated that we have been getting web metrics from LF Marketing.

LG went on to update the board on the use case report and the new demo GitHub repository.

RP asked about the remaining PET summits. LG stated that North America would be virtual and that there would be a presence at PET Asia.

Notable Milestones

LG provided a brief overview of the PET EU activation. SK stated that the summit went well and that they were happy with the recordings.

LG then summarized the marketing growth metrics that the team is monitoring.

Outreach Committee Budget Proposal

LG introduced the idea of increasing the Outreach budget by 100k. RP stated that 100k is more than just a buffer and asked for specifics on what this spend would support. It was agreed that LF would work with Kate on a more detailed proposal to bring back to the board. NP stated that RSA would be a challenge and that folks would not find our booth. SK stated that the passport is intended to help in this area.

CC Summit 2025

LG reviewed the idea of taking ownership of the CC Summit in 2025. RP asked what the plan was for moving forward, is this a clean break or are we trying to learn from what has been done prior? LG stated it was probably the latter and that he expected the LF events team would need to take this over. RP asked if there would be a chairperson from CCC providing oversight. LG stated yes there would be. Vini Jaiswal asked for clarification on what the summit is. LG provided background on the conference. BS suggested that there needs to be a meeting with Opaque, LF Events and CCC to understand what a timeline would look like and what the cost/level of effort looks like.

TAC Update: Project Pipeline

Benjamin Sternthal (BS) provided an update on the projects in the formation pipeline stating that Islet is fully onboarded and that Coconut-SVSM is in legal review at SUSE.

Any Other Business

RP asked if there were plans to have an in-person meeting at either the CC summit or RSA. It was agreed that a light survey would be conducted to see who would be attending these events.

Vini Jaiswal asked about CCC collaboration with academia. Sal stated that they were working on cleaning up the mentorship program and would have an update next week. VJ also mentioned that TikTok is hosting their first bay area hackathon in August/September and would send out details.

Future topics

The next meeting will be Wednesday, April 17, 2024, at 9:00 am Pacific Time.

Adjournment

RP adjourned the meeting at 9:44 am US Pacific Time.