

Eclipse Board Meeting Minutes March 5, 2003

The sixth meeting of the Eclipse Board was held from 1030 AM to 430 PM CST on Wednesday, March 5, 2003 at the Embassy Suites (Airport) in Chicago, IL. (Due to weather constraints, many of the participants attended by phone.)

The following are the minutes of this meeting.

Stewards in Attendance in person or by phone:

Stewards

AltoWeb, Inc.	Elli Albek
Borland Software Corp.	Todd Olson and Venkat.Iyer
Catalyst Systems Corporation	Tracy Ragan
ETRI (Electronics & Telecommunications Research Institute)	Chae-Kyu Kim and Chaedeok Lim
LM Ericsson	Jaak Urmi
Flashline Inc.	Adam Wallace
Fujitsu Software Corp.	Ronald Alepin
Hewlett-Packard Company	Michael J. Rank
Hitachi, Ltd., Software Division	Ryuji Takanuki and Masaaki Yokota
IBM Corporation	Lee Nackman
Instantiations, Inc.	Michael Taylor
Logic Library	Brent Carlson
M7 Corporation	Jawahar Malhotra
MKS Inc.	David Martin
MontaVista Software	Jim Ready
Oracle	Ted Ferrell and Roel Stalman
Parasoft Corporation	Roman Salvador and Roberto Scaramuzzi
QA Systems	Wim Van de Brug
QNX Software Systems Limited	Dan Dodge
Red Hat, Inc.	Michael Tiemann
SAP AG	Michael Bechauf
Scapa Technologies Limited	Michael Norman
Serena Software, Inc.	Boris Kapitanski
SilverMark, Inc.	Mike Silverstein
SlickEdit Inc.	Edward Robert Hintz, III
Sybase, Inc.	Karl Reti and John Graham
Teamstudio Inc.	Ian D. Smith
Telelogic	Jean-Louis Vignaud
TimeSys Corporation	Manas Saksena

Associate Members in Attendance:

Eclipse Academic Representative Brian Barry

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FOKUS
OMG

Ina Schieferdecker
Richard Mark Soley

Eclipse Representatives in Attendance:

Eclipse Project PMC	John Wiegand
Eclipse Project PMC	Dave Thomson
Eclipse Tools PMC	John Duimovich
Eclipse Technology PMC	Brian Barry
Eclipse Secretary	Linda Campbell
Eclipse PR	Marc Erickson
Eclipse Chairperson	Skip McGaughey

Agenda

- 1) Membership Committee (Skip McGaughey)
 - a. Introductions and Steward Update
 - i. Update on Change of Control at Rational
 - ii. Update on Change of Control at TogetherSoft
 - iii. Introduction of New Steward at Borland
 - iv. Introduction of New Steward at MERANT
 - v. Introduction of New Steward at Telelogic.
 - b. New Member Applications and Presentations
 - c. Status of BEA & SUN
 - d. Call for membership
 - e. Terms of Reference validation
- 2) Old Business
 - a. Eclipse Minutes
 - b. Status of eVotes since last Board Meeting
- 3) Project Review Committee (Lee Nackman and Michael Tiemann)
 - a. Introduction of Committee Members
 - b. Project Review Committee (PRC) overview
 - c. Scaling Technology (Michael Tiemann)
 - d. Technical Vision
 - e. Committee Mission and Charter
 - i. Committee Structure and organization
 - ii. Membership Discussion
 - iii. Define how to get started
 - iv. Define methods of technology flow and relationship between PMC's
 - v. Define the characteristics of the PMC's
 - f. Terms of Reference validation
- 4) PMC Update
 - a. Platform PMC report and action items and Road Map
 - b. Tool PMC report and action items and Road Map

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- c. Technology PMC report and action items and Road Map
 - d. Discussion of contribution experiences and barriers to contributions
- 5) Critical Success Focus Items
 - a. SWT and Swing discussion and plans
- 6) Marketing Committee
 - o Introduction of Committee Members
 - o Imagery
 - o PR Activity
 - o Strategic vision
 - o Terms of Reference validation
- 7) Legal Advisory Committee (Mike Rank)
 - a. Introduction of Committee Members
 - b. Update and Status of CPL issue
 - c. Discussion of pending issues and prioritization
 - d. Terms of reference
 - e. Independent Attorney discussions
 - f. Terms of Reference validation
- 8) Special Focus Items
 - a. EclipseCon 2003 (joint presentation with Marketing and PMC lead)
 - b. Eclipse as a legal entity
 - i. Member Presentation: Richard Soley, "OMG Experiences of growing an .ORG from 13 to several hundred members"
 - ii. Eclipse principles and assumptions
 - iii. Legal entity status
 - c. Web Status
 - i. High level proposal between PMC's and Marketing
 - ii. Web Stats update.
- 9) New Business
 - a. Open discussion
- 10) Demo - Tracy Ragan (Openmake)

Membership

Selection of New Eclipse Member Organizations

The following organizations were approved as Member Companies on the Eclipse board:

Telefonaktiebolaget LM Ericsson AB (Ericsson)
Fraunhofer Institute for Open Communication Systems (FOKUS)
Logic Library
M7 Corporation
QA Systems
SilverMark

Selection of New Voting Members of the Eclipse Board (Stewards)

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The following individuals were approved as Stewards and voting members of the Eclipse Board:

Member Organization	Steward
New Members:	
Telefonaktiebolaget LM Ericsson AB (Ericsson)*	Jaak Urmi
Fraunhofer Institute for Open Communication Systems (FOKUS) **	Ina Schieferdecker **
Logic Library	Brent Carlson
M7 Corporation	Jawahar Malhotra
QA Systems	Wim Van de Brug
SilverMark	Mike Silverstein
Existing Members (Member Company New Stewards):	
Borland	Todd Olson
MERANT	Dave Pinckard
Telelogic	Jean-Louis Vignaud

*The Board approved Ericsson with the understanding that Ericsson will be using Eclipse technology to build tools for application development within their own business (internal application development) rather than producing commercial products. We anticipate that Ericsson technology providers and partners will also adopt Eclipse as their tool integration platform.

** Designates Associate Member

Other Membership Business

There was a brief discussion by the Board about the requirement in the Membership Agreement to have a 2/3 vote for electing new Member Companies and Stewards. The chairperson referred an item to the Legal and Membership Advisory Committees regarding abstentions on email votes, asking if they are to be counted as “no” votes or “abstentions”

The Board agreed that Ted Farrell from Oracle will lead the task force team that will help to encourage Sun’s membership and will report on progress at the next Board meeting. Other task force members include the stewards from SAP, OMG, M7, and AltoWeb. Brian Barry (Academic Associate Member) will also be part of this task force.

The Board is looking to form a similar task force to approach BEA. The Steward from AltoWeb said he would be willing to do this if he received corporate approval to do so.

The Board decided the future new membership presentations will be distributed electronically for eVoting or performed by Webcast in order to save time at Board Meetings. The Chair of the Membership Committee recommended that the membership selection be done by eVote as often as possible.

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Old Business

Eclipse Status, Update and Approval of Minutes

Minutes from December 4, 2002 Meeting were approved.

Status of eVotes since last Board Meeting

eVote for Eclipse.org IPR Policy:

With the eVoting closed on 2-17-2003, The Eclipse Stewards approved the recommendation from Mike Rank, Chair of the Legal Advisory Committee to adopt the “Eclipse.org Intellectual Property Rights Policy (IPR) Policy”.

The votes were as follows:

Stewards voting Yes for approval	15
Stewards voting NO	01
Stewards voting to abstain	01
Stewards not voting	10

eVote on Project Review Committee leadership:

With the eVoting closed on January 22, 2003, the Eclipse Stewards voted electronically to elect Michael Tiemann and Lee Nackman to Co-Chair the Project Review Committee.

Stewards voting Yes for approval	17
Stewards voting NO	0
Stewards voting to abstain	0
Stewards not voting	12

New Business

Update on Project Review Committee (PRC) –

Michael Tiemann and Lee Nackman reported that the objective of the PRC is to ensure that as people come to Eclipse with great ideas for new open-source projects, there is a body within Eclipse that will evaluate the proposal and endorse or reject the project. They reported that the Eclipse platform functionality will evolve in an orderly way according to the desires of the supporting member companies and the sense of the PMCs leaders. The Project Review Committee is delegated authority by members of the Board of Stewards in order to execute the process defined below.

The co- chairs Nackman and Tiemann are developing a document to define PRC process and procedures. This document will define the constitution of a project, and the required level of operating activity for qualification as an official Eclipse Project. When the terms of operation and the process documents are made available by the PRC, an eVote will be scheduled as soon as practical in order for the board to approve delegation of these responsibilities to the PRC.

The Project Review committee discussed details of what constitutes an endorsement by Eclipse. Some of the related issues that need to be understood are:

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- Ensure that anything that Eclipse endorses is something that all Eclipse members can support and embrace.
- Since the PMC leaders don't directly control resources, projects are dependent upon cooperation that is overseen and enforced by the Eclipse Stewards
- Eclipse projects respect the interests of each of Eclipse's supporting members.
- The PRC will endorse projects that offer technology and functions that are appropriate to Eclipse.
- Eclipse embraces projects that are willing to host the project on Eclipse website facilities and accept the management of the PMCs and ultimately the Board of Stewards.
- The PRC will review projects based upon the technical description that is drafted in a document that accompanies formal project submission. That document is yet to be defined.

The following are operational guidelines for the PRC.

- The PRC will report to the PMC leads and Board of Stewards for approval or disapproval and recommendations to be communicated to the project.
- If all PMC leaders agree, the project is endorsed. If there is any disagreement, the PMC leaders(s) will report issues to the PRC in response to the project's application
- PRC discussion and an ultimate PRC/PMC consensus approval or rejection decision will be reported to the Eclipse Board of Stewards.
- PRC/PMC acceptance of a project signals that everyone has comfort that there is sufficient control over the project and that Eclipse can host it.
- If the project subsequently chooses not to be hosted on Eclipse, the PRC will discover issues, and report them to the Board of Stewards. The Board of Steward's feedback will be provided to the project.
- Ultimately the operational and plan priorities are decided by the project contributors, those that are doing work, and not the board.
- It is not the purpose of the PRC to do competitive analysis of other products and offerings. This will not affect the selection of projects to be endorsed and hosted within the auspices of Eclipse.
- The committee will be proactive with criteria, a roadmap, and defined process so that the public can understand how projects are approved or disapproved. PRC can only react to proposals brought to committee by others

The PRC now has 11 people participating, including the 3 PMC leaders. The PRC is seeking potential projects for PRC evaluation with which we can test our processes and constitution.

Technical Content:

Platform PMC

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John Wiegand presented the development activity status/update for the Platform PMC. John advised the board that the Platform PMC is engaged in the following:

- Ongoing maintenance of Eclipse 2.0
- Decisions for future versions of Eclipse that are based on moving forward by evolution (not revolution), maintaining integrity, stability and compatibility while enabling new functionality as it is added to Platform.

The SDK release roadmap was presented. The roadmap is based on the following guiding principles: actively maintaining a stable 2.0 code base and accumulating requirements for major upgrades before starting on 3.0.

Release 2.1 is scheduled for release at the end of March 2003. Release 2.x will be actively maintained and supported for the next 12 to 18 months. Maintenance releases will fix critical defects to enable product teams to ship quality products (2.0.3 release in March, 2.1.1 tentative release in June).

The plan for Eclipse 2.2 was published in December 2002. The PMC encouraged members to think about where they might want to contribute regarding 2.2.

John also presented the current status of defects and reported that 2/3 of the defects are being reported from consortium members and 1/3 coming from the open-source community.

Descriptions of these projects, plans, deliverables and status can be found on www.eclipse.org.

Technology PMC

Brian Barry presented an update on the Technology PMC. He commented that many research groups have chosen Eclipse as their IDE platform in several universities and that this creates an opportunity for Eclipse. However, he also noted that many of these projects are less formally organized than those of the Platform or Tools PMCs. Development approaches vary, milestones are fluid, and not all resources are fully committed. The Technology PMC's approach is to encourage and support rather than prescribe direction. All of the projects are innovative and enrich the overall Eclipse ecosystem.

Ongoing Technology PMC projects include: AJDT, Stellation, XSD, and Koi (Collaboration Tools).

New approved Technology PMC projects include: AspectJ, Equinox, and Smalltalk.

A new project under review by the Technology PMC includes GMT (Generative Model Transformer). New projects under discussion include Hyper J, "Generic IDE", and "Pedagogical IDE".

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Descriptions of these projects can be found on www.eclipse.org.

Tools PMC

John Duimovich presented an update on the Tools PMC. Active projects include C/C++ IDE, GEF, EMF, and Hyades. Low activity projects include COBOL. Future tools projects include J2EE/Server Tooling and UML 2.

C/C++

- Includes a C/C++ editor, debugger, and launcher
- CDT 1.0 was released on Nov 11, 2002, CDT 1.0.1 maintenance release was available on Jan 20, 2003.
- CDT 2.0 will include finalized base APIs, CDOM prototype, Doxygen, and debugger enhancements.
- CDT 2.1 will include CDOM APIs, refactoring, syntax checking, non-GDB back-end
- An active CDT community is building, the project is running well including open project conference calls with agenda and published minutes. The CDT community has an identity.

GEF

- 2.1 Release pending, to coincide with Eclipse 2.1
- Recent activity – Dec 21, 2002 – printing and Zoom added
- Issues – API stability due to features added
- GEF 2.1 plan items include: zoom, auto-scroll, layout rework, word-wrap text figures, palette UI, marquee “buildup”

EMF

- currently prioritizing features because more features have been requested than are currently possible in current schedule
- 1.02 release aligned with Eclipse 2.1
- EMF book is being finalized, published by Prentice Hall, available in book stores in roughly 3 months timeframe
- Project issues: code still not in Eclipse CVS, all IBM committers
- EMF model viewer: from Omondo, view EMF Ecore models, uses EMF and GEF, free but not open source

Hyades

- Key activities include: refactoring of initial IBM contribution around UML2 work proposed by Rational and others, alignment of test and trace models according to approaches used by Scapa Technologies and others, introduction of statistical models from IBM, significant cross-fertilization and terminology alignment in the teams

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- Project issues include: participants tend not to feel comfortable about public newsgroups, despite this, the PMC is moving all discussions to this forum, Hyades would like to see a UML2 project established in Eclipse, will soon need movement on long-stalled Deployment project.
- Milestones overview: project launched on Dec 19, developer meeting in Boston in Jan (19 people attended from 3 companies), sub-teams involved in specification work, regular conference calls, 58 people participating (20 are active on a daily basis), plan to contribute to Eclipse GA release at end of March

Cobol

- Project is currently inactive, plan is pending from lead, PMC will have to actively manage the team

New Projects and the PRC

J2EE Server Tooling

- App Server neutral framework (create, deploy, run)
- Plug-in server personality
- Plug-in implementation for an open source Tomcat
- Lite versions for each commercial vendors products (vendor decides)
- Early stages, overlap with member companies current products, assuming technical coordination (many players with code already)
- Status – intent is that this will be the first proposal to go via PRC

UML 2

- Hyades using a UML 2 component, team believes that Hyades is incorrect place for this development, want a standalone UML 2 component, would move Hyades onto new code when ready (will use subset homebrew until UML 2 implementation is done to reduce dependency risk), proposal sent ahead from Hyades team

Tools PMC – Input to PRC

Technology Scope	Subprojects
IDE for programming languages	C/C++, Cobol, Java C#, “Script”, *ML Generic IDE (level 0, 1 integration)
GUI Frameworks for tools and GUI builders	GEF – VCE, BPF, Data flow Graphical layout tools, GUI Builder
Modeling	EMF, UML 2
Performance Analysis & Test	Hyades
J2EE	Server tooling- J2EE neutral launch, deploy
Install	Native Installer

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The board has requested that the PRC and PMCs establish effective objective measures for projects and an open transparent process for establishing those measures. Examples of measures include the number of participants in a project and release quality standards.

SWT & Swing

Tracy Ragan, Catalyst Systems led the Board in a discussion of the issues associated with SWT and SWING.

The purpose of this discussion was to begin moving the Eclipse Community towards a unified understanding of how SWT will be addressed in the future. The discussion covered a wide range of items from positioning and packaging to JCP and industry standards, education and technology offerings

The issues of tooling for UIs generated significant discussion. The following are the four primary issues and Board action.

- Issue: Eclipse's use of SWT and the Sun Specifications of SWING are not compatible. This is causing perceptions of division within the Java Community. There is confusion in the marketplace and within the technical community about these two different initiatives. What is the Eclipse position?
Action: The Board asked the PRC and PMC 's to address this issue and report back at the next Board meeting the plan of action to address this issue.
- Issue: There is a significant install base of SWING code. However, there are no migration utilities; there is limited documentation of Eclipse UI interfaces; and no education or training capabilities to assist in this migration.
Action: The PMCs agreed to address these issues with contributions from member companies.
- Issue: SWT is not part of the Java Community Process.
Action: The board charges the PRC and PMC to act in full cognizance of existing standards. The Board asked the PRC to present to the next Board meeting the planned actions concerning SWT and the Java Community Process.
- Issue: There needs to be a separate packaging that includes only the SWT and UI Enablement. for downloading.
Action: The Board decided that PRC should come back to the board with resolution on the packaging issue. The issue of packaging is within the responsibility and authority of the PMC leader

Committee Updates

Marketing Committee

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Mike Taylor reported on behalf of the Marketing Committee.

Marketing Committee Status

The Marketing Committee was formed in Dec 2002, with participation from Catalyst, Flashline, HP, IBM, Instantiations, MKS, QNX, Rational, Scapa, Slickedit, Timesys. There are weekly marketing operations meeting. There have been 2 sub committees established. The first is the PR subcommittee that meets weekly and is chaired by Lynn Shepardson of Rational/IBM. The PR Subcommittee has a press release process in place, and is implementing an article placement process. An Eclipse Media Relations Plan template is available upon request. The second sub committee is an Events subcommittee which is chaired by Dave Martin, MKS. This committee is working with PMCs to define the Eclipse Con event.

The goals of the Eclipse Press Release Process include member participation, quality & accuracy, efficient process, effective results. A short review of the process includes: a news release is drafted for Eclipse by a member company or Eclipse staff, it goes to PR committee for review (and changes if applicable), the release is finalized and submitted to board designees for approval, it then goes to Patterson & Associates for release on the wire and distribution to media and analysts

The Events Sub Committee is developing an EclipseCon Event Proposal. This is a major ecosystem event. The Consortium and PMCs will jointly organize a “classic” developer conference. Acting chairs are Dave Martin (MKS) and Dave Thomson (IBM). The board recommended formation of an ad hoc committee to plan and manage this event. There was discussion concerning the importance of having an event in 2003. The Board asked the Marketing Chair and PMC’s to report back a the next Board Meeting.

The Mike Taylor presented the current status of the Eclipse Imagery. The goal is to have one recognizable symbol that represents Eclipse Ecosystem. This image should be easily reproduced in multiple formats that retain the brand equity from current images.

Mike Taylor introduced a symbol that is strongly supported by the Marketing Committee. The symbol would involve some subtle changes to current symbol. The Eclipse Chairperson (with board consensus) asked that the marketing committee and the PMCs come back within 30 days with a joint recommendation on and an image on which the board will be asked to vote (e-vote). Marketing committee was unanimous in recommendation while the PMC (who represents open source constituency) does not currently have a consolidated view that represents the open source community. The goal is a single representation with slight derivatives to satisfy the needs for multiple types of mechanical presentations. .

The Marketing Committee proposed developing Strategic Planning Proposal. The Marketing Committee wants to define a planning process to guide the evolution of the ecosystem to meet the needs of the PMCs, the consortium members and other constituencies. The Marketing Committee proposes to undertake a SWOT analysis which

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evaluates Eclipse strengths and weaknesses against opportunities and threats presented by the industry. The Board decided that the strategic planning is the responsibility of the Marketing Committee and the marketing chair has the ability to appoint the necessary people and task forces to complete a strategic plan to present back to the board (time and place at discretion of Marketing Chair). The process should include the entire Eclipse Ecosystem of the Open Source community and the Consortium.

The Marketing Committee Report updated the Board on a Web Site Proposal. The web site serves the needs of the ecosystem which includes both the open source community, the consortium and other relevant constituencies. The current site is working but needs to be improved (particularly regarding navigation). The Marketing Committee and the PMCs are working to define “zones of responsibility”. The need is to identify a process for collaboration on the look and feel and related navigation.

The Board requested that the Marketing Committee and the PMCs are to come back to the Board at the next meeting with a plan (and/or demo) of the proposed web site (www.eclipse.org) including navigation and zones, look and feel, and related authority.

Mike Taylor reported that it is next to impossible to promote Eclipse when Eclipse has no means to collect and disperse funds. This limitation is due to the fact Eclipse does not have a legal status. The Board discussed a critical short-term issue that addressed the need to pay Patterson & Associates for their PR activities. Mike Taylor also requested that the Board address the long-term need to establishment of a legal entity that can accept and disperse funds. Mike Taylor identified the immediate funding requirements as:

Required Funding:

PR - \$150,000 per year

Activities and materials - \$50,000 to \$75,000

Have received funding commitments from IBM, Rational, and Instantiations, several other commitments pending.

At the recommendations of Mike Taylor, Chair of the Marketing Committee, the Board 1) ratifies the engagement of Patterson & Associates as the Eclipse PR firm and 2) authorized the use of Paterson and Associates as an Eclipse Public Relations Firm. The Board also authorized payments to Paterson for the first six months of 2003. This expenditure is not to exceed the availability of funds committed to the Marketing Team.

Legal Advisory Committee Update

Mike Rank, Chair of the Legal Advisory Committee, provided an update on the activities of the Legal Advisory Committee.

Update on CPL Subcommittee:

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This was a temporary subcommittee formed in September 2002 to address HP's concerns regarding the CPL license and section 7 language. Member companies of this subcommittee included: HP, IBM, MontaVista, QNX, and Rational.

Issue Resolution included:

- The Subcommittee developed a new Eclipse Intellectual Property Policy statement and recommended that Board members vote to adopt this policy.
- With the eVoting closed on 2-17-2003, The Eclipse Stewards approved the recommendation from Mike Rank, Chair of the Legal Advisory Committee to adopt the "Eclipse.org Intellectual Property Rights Policy (IPR) Policy".
The votes were as follows:
Stewards voting Yes for approval 15
Stewards voting NO 01
Stewards voting to abstain 01
Stewards not voting 10
- Action plan to close – New IP Statement has been posted to Eclipse.org website legal page, effective March 1, 2003.

Legal Advisory Committee Charter

After a quarter of operations, Mike Rank reviewed the operations of the Legal Advisory Committee.

- Scope– a permanent committee that provides advisory recommendations to Board Stewards on legal matters affecting the viability and success of the Eclipse community and consortium.
- Member Profile – Board Steward or designee with software industry business background and familiarity with software licensing and intellectual property law, strongly recommend a person who can represent business interests
- Term – The Legal Advisory Committee Chairperson is elected to a 1-year term, Members are nominated by the Board of Stewards to 1-year term.

Note – the original terms of reference for the Legal Advisory Committee need to be updated to reflect current situation

Original Terms of Reference	Validation with Proposed Charter
Committee Type: Standing, Advisory	No change
Purpose: coordinate discussions among the legal counsel of the member organizations in order to help them better advise their clients	Emphasis now on participants that can represent business interests with ready access to their legal counsel
Authority: no authority, only a coordination role	Emphasis now on making recommendations to the Board with business and legal interests represented
Reporting Dates: every Board meeting and at least quarterly	No change
Composition: must have 2 lawyers from 2 member companies plus 2 Board members	Minimum of 4 Board or associate members required, need not be lawyers

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plus Committee Chair	
Resources: time and materials donated by committee participants	Will request Board authorization to fund external legal services

The Board approved these new terms of reference for the Legal Advisory Committee.

The current membership of Legal Advisory Committee includes: HP – Michael Rank (Chair, 2003), IBM – Tom Callan, SAP – Michael Bechauf

The following is the Current Open Issues List & Status:

Issue	Brief Description	Current Status
CPL Section 1, Definition of Contribution	Rational proposed new language to clarify that Eclipse add-ins are not considered Contributions (“derivative works issue”)	No action to date
Legal Entity Formation	Formal legal entity status will resolve number of legal, marketing and funding issues	No action to date
Independent legal counsel for Eclipse.org	Provide company-independent advice on legal issues affecting Eclipse.org	Dependency on funding
Eclipse trademark protection	Need to obtain trademark search and legal advice securing protection for Eclipse name and logo.	Dependent upon funding, legal entity formation, and independent legal counsel.
Eclipse logo usage agreement terms	Disclaimer of liabilities language too broad for some Members	No action to date
Reciprocal Publicity Rights	Membership agreement does not provide for reciprocal Member publicity rights with respect to Eclipse-based offerings	No action to date

Formation of Independent Entity Committee for Eclipse.org

The current organizational structure of Eclipse.org is composed of two structures. The first is a consortium which is an alliance of companies shipping or planning to ship Eclipse Based Products. The second structure is an open source project, which builds and delivers the Eclipse base technology based upon a meritocracy of developers and project leaders. This organization structure presents multiple organizational, identities, financial, and legal problems. Some of these are: 1) there is no ability to collect or disperse funds, 2) no ability to enter into legal contractual agreements 3) potential liability concerns, 4)

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no ability to protect the trademarks and other IP. 5) no ability to have independent counsel.

The Board decided to form an AdHoc committee chartered with the responsibility to form an independent entity for Eclipse.org. Dave Bernstein was nominated as Chair. The Membership included the Eclipse Standing Committee Chairs (PRC, Legal, Membership, Marketing, Finance) plus others from the Board appointed by Dave Bernstein. The basic objective is to transform the eclipse.org consortium into an independent entity that: (a) supports the open source effort, and (b) encourage development of an Eclipse Ecosystem in the industry. The specific tasks include: create a legal entity for the Eclipse governance, with the necessary articles of incorporation, membership agreement, by-laws, and necessary operating guidelines.

The Board specified that the actual formation of the Eclipse Independent Entity Committee would be authorized by a Board eVote that included the approval of the specific Terms of Reference.

The next Board Meeting will be June 11, 2003 in Chicago. This date was subsequently changed to May 28, 2003 in Chicago.