Minutes of December 17 Jakarta EE Steering Committee Meeting

The Zoom ID is:
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Attendees:

Fujitsu: Mike Denicola
IBM: Dan Bandera, Ian Robinson, Kevin Sutter
Oracle: Will Lyons, Bill Shannon, Ed Bratt, Dmitry Kornilov
Payara: Steve Millidge
Red Hat: Mark Little, John Clingan
Tomitribe: David Blevins, Cesar Hernandez
Participant member representative: (not present)
Committer member representative: (no present)

Eclipse: Paul White, Wayne Beaton, Ivar Grimstad, Tanja Obradovich, Shabnam Mayel, Mike Milinkovich, Paul Buck

Review of Minutes from Prior Meeting

Minutes of Dec 3 and Dec 10 meetings will be reviewed next time.

No meeting on December 24 and December 31. Next meeting is Jan 7.

Jakarta EE 8 Follow-Up

- Publishing spec docs - review the following status doc
  - https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/18SraPXRBCOyaS6w-UV6TR-UA1bWy1--sV0ky6msAijWY/edit?usp=sharing
  - Spec copyright assigned for 49% of spec documents (no change from last time).
  - Specs contributed for 49% of spec documents (no change from last time).

- Contributing GF 4.X Japanese documentation
  - In IP review, hoping to contribute shortly

- David/Eclipse and Sonatype have come to an agreement on approach. David will communicate to the community with dates.

Jakarta EE and MicroProfile

- MicroProfile team members have distributed a proposal for a WG for MicroProfile. One of the proposals involves a combined Jakarta EE/MicroProfile Working Group. The
intent is that if the combined proposal is recommended, that proposal would be brought to the Jakarta EE WG.

- Proposal is to have a soft stake in the ground by end of Feb, possibly sooner, and votable proposal end of March
- Most comments are being made in MicroProfile GitHub Sandbox. Proposed modifications are via pull requests and comments often occur on those pull requests.

Jakarta EE 9

- Steering Committee requested a release delivery plan by December 9. See prior meeting minutes
- The following strawman proposal spreadsheet was distributed by Kevin three weeks ago:
  - [https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1EN5UEzxFV1Buk7yqdQAweaynWJ3UNn2BjN7bXn9vh4/edit#gid=0](https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1EN5UEzxFV1Buk7yqdQAweaynWJ3UNn2BjN7bXn9vh4/edit#gid=0)
- We discussed the draft Jakarta EE 9 Release Plan on December 10, with notes below:
  - [https://docs.google.com/document/d/18cwfYhEqv_msIdH1DSVDXJc-QaUJ6zjPgmg6JHfLrA/edit?usp=sharing](https://docs.google.com/document/d/18cwfYhEqv_msIdH1DSVDXJc-QaUJ6zjPgmg6JHfLrA/edit?usp=sharing)
    - The team believes it meets the requirements of the resolution
    - Have agreed on scope (e.g. Jakarta XML Web Services, and Jakarta XML Binding as optional), agreed to make Java SE 11 the base version, though will support Java SE 8 as well
    - Have agreed to release a release candidate spec, approx two months before final release date.
    - Need to update the release plan and define release dates
    - Intent was to publish a plan for platform team review and finalize in next week’s platform team meeting review at Steering Committee as well
    - Working assumption is that Eclipse GlassFish would be the compatible implementation for the Platform Specification Version, because it is the only implementation that currently supports all of the optional features
    - All Steering Committee members should review the plan and comment prior to next week’s meeting (after Steve’s updates Thursday)
- The Steering Committee reviewed the release plan.
- The document meets the expectation and requirements of the original Steering Committee resolution. It is well formulated, considers a broad set of issues and proposes reasonable approaches.
- The Steering Committee extends its thanks to the members of the Platform team who prepared the release plan, led by Kevin Sutter, Steve Millidge, and with support from Bill Shannon, Scott Stark, David Blevins, Arjan Tijms, Mark Thomas, Greg Wilikns, Tom Jenkinson, Ivar Grimstad, Jean-Francois James, Carlos Andres de la Rosa, Markus Karg, Christian Kaltepoth, Andy McCright, and many others [please add names as you see fit]...
The following resolution was adopted unanimously by the Steering Committee:

Resolved, that pending endorsement from the Specification Committee, the Steering Committee endorses and adopts the Jakarta EE 9 release plan recommended by the platform team.

It was agreed that Mike Milinkovich will blog about this and “announce” the release plan in early January. Kevin, Steve and others should feel empowered to do so as well.

Additional comments
- As noted last time, should reach out to tools teams and projects (Eclipse, IntelliJ, WDT…) requesting support

Discussion on membership fees

- This topic, and alternative solutions for this issue, were discussed at the last Steering Committee meeting, per the following:

  The Eclipse Foundation emphasized, and it was agreed by the Steering Committee, that Jakarta EE Working Group membership definitions, benefits, and fee structures, and requirements for assignment of IP by Jakarta EE Working Group members who participate in specification projects have been defined by the Jakarta EE Working Group and the Steering Committee, and not by the Eclipse Foundation. Some of the email discussion on the topic might have suggested that the Jakarta EE Working Group membership structure was Eclipse Foundation-driven, and that is not the case.

  The Steering Committee agreed that:
  - There is a requirement for proper management of IP flows from individuals and companies participating in specification projects, such that the Jakarta EE WG can create specifications with proper assignment of contributed IP. Jakarta EE WG membership agreements accomplish this.
  - We would like to create a zero cost Jakarta EE WG alternative for individuals who wish to participate in specification projects, in cases where their employers are not willing to sign Jakarta EE membership agreements. The Eclipse Foundation will consider this and propose alternatives.

  Paul Buck reviewed an update on this topic. This was discussed verbally in the meeting, with written communication of a specific proposal to follow this week. See https://docs.google.com/document/d/1VMXVzdfBflKfhW0rmTJXI2sRAdECaVTXnEiZ_R
We will review this proposal at the next Steering Committee meeting - note that drafting of legal agreements will not start before January 1, 2020.

Marketing Committee Update and Jakarta EE Update Calls

- JakartaOne Livestream Japan
  - Oracle expressed concern with the way this event has evolved.
  - Oracle believes that activities sponsored by this Working Group should be planned in an open, collaborative and vendor neutral manner with proper oversight by the relevant committees. Oracle believes this has not occurred in this case.
  - There was discussion of the communications that had occurred regarding the planning of the event.
  - It was agreed that to resolve the concerns mentioned by Oracle, and seconded by others, that all members of the Working Group should be invited to nominate participants on the program committee.
  - It was agreed that we should endeavor to maintain visibility/oversight of such efforts so that discussions can occur prior to release to the public.
  - There was discussion of whether the Marketing Committee or Steering Committee is the right forum for such topics. It was requested, as had been requested in prior meetings, that adequate time be granted during the Steering Committee meetings to cover activities of the Marketing Committee. We will cover this topic in the next Steering Committee meeting.

- Kubecon Europe plan (not discussed)
  - We should discuss this as well

- Jakarta EE Update Meeting was held December 11, next Update planned for Jan 15 (not discussed)
  - Planned for December 11
  - https://docs.google.com/document/d/1U81TZ2F_nhg6WxoE1VnpUUEQ09r8SXWpaN3hf3wiTWQ/edit
  - Considering retrospective and marketing plan for Jan 15 meeting

- Jakarta EE Tech Talks - Tanja is open for suggestions (not discussed)
  - https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/19AfvCUdScUHwJejMYg370tum5mi7zI4bvZzcQXiUM/edit#gid=0

Allowing Java User Group use of Jakarta EE, and use of the brand more generally (not discussed)

- The Steering Committee generally supports use of the Jakarta EE brand in this manner, has recommend some structured process around it.
- The Eclipse Foundation has drafted an Agreement which could be used with JUGs, not yet a program for operationalizing this.
- Similar question came up in the context of “Starter Project for Jakarta EE”.
The request to the Steering Committee should then be to formulate some guidelines as to when it is ok to call a project "Jakarta EE <something>" and when does it have to be "<something> for Jakarta EE".

- Dan met with Wayne on this topic. Will come back with a recommendation next meeting.

Operationalizing Jakarta EE Program Plan (not discussed)

- Tanja is working on a document that translates the goals of the 2020 plan into quarterly objectives/milestones/outcomes.
- We will review this document next time.