Minutes of March 24 Jakarta EE Steering Committee Meeting

The Zoom ID is:
https://eclipse.zoom.us/j/499849869

Attendees:

Fujitsu: Kenji Kazumura, Mike Denicola
IBM: Daniel Bandera, Kevin Sutter, Neil Patterson
Oracle: Will Lyons, Dmitry Kornilov, Bill Shannon, Ed Bratt
Payara: Eliot Martin
Red Hat: Mark Little, John Clingan, Scott Stark
Tomitribe: Cesar Hernandez, David Blevins
Participant member representative: Not present
Committer member representative: Arjan Tjims
(Quorum is 4 -- simple-majority or one-half of the members (if even number) must be present)

Eclipse: Paul Buck, Tanja Obradovic, Paul White, Ivar Grimstad, Mike Milinkovich, Shabnam Mayel

Review of Minutes from Prior Meetings

Minutes of the Feb 11, 18, 25, March 3, March 10 meetings were reviewed and approved.

Minutes of the March 17 meeting will be reviewed next time.

Marketing Committee Update and Jakarta EE Update Calls

- Update from Marketing Committee on considering a virtual event plan in lieu of physical conferences
  - Was to be reviewed at last week’s Marketing Committee meeting
    - Discussed Livestream event
    - Crowdcast events
  - Proposed virtual CN4J day/JakartaOne Livestream Event in April/May
    - General endorsement
    - Noted that audience would be different from the planned Kubecon event
    - Presenter may present either new or material they had planned
    - Will still intend to participate in Kubecon, when rescheduled
    - Tanja will prepare a plan for the Marketing Committee
    - Targeting second half of April 21, 22, 23 - Tanja will sound out CN4J day speakers (approx 8-9 hours, 7-9 sessions)

- Jakarta EE Update Calls
Call last week. Next call to be scheduled in April

- Jakarta Tech Talks - Tanja is open for suggestions
  - Talk scheduled for today.
  - All topics for Cloud Native Java will be considered. Looking for more presentation referrals.

- Jakarta EE developer survey coming up next quarter
  - Will be launched April 6, with feedback incorporated
  - Results to be published on June 16
  - Draft has been closed

- Foundation has created a list of enabling JUGs. Looking for members to sign up and present on Jakarta EE at JUGs.
  - https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1YDTAyynuhlNVBJK-Clb4XAW7gVw0TLu5R0uV3FUkW20/edit#gid=0

- Crowdcast for JUGs. Was discussed last time and has been completed and already available for JUGs to use. Good response so far:
  - https://drive.google.com/drive/u/0/folders/1Yn9EmzHIFIBwZKa8jDVQNWZXdtrxDmX

- Discussion on “Driving people to spec project lists”
  - Marketing Committee has commented on branding concerns and a series of recommendations has been provided
  - Follow up from discussion last week
    - Is it possible to get a “unique people” count of spec list participants
      - Each individual counts as 1 if participating across multiple specs
      - Tanja had initiated a similar request (bug open), and created a new bug reflecting request above:
        - https://bugs.eclipse.org/bugs/show_bug.cgi?id=558926
      - Will have an update next time
    - The intent is to measure and determine how we can increase the count

- JakartaOne Livestream Brazil
  - August 29th - tentative - working with SouJava team
  - Expect communication requesting Portuguese speaker participation
  - (Marketing Plan had planned for sponsorship for JakartaOne Livestream also see planned budget)

- RACI for website ownership - please review and volunteer for “columns”. No feedback on this so far.
  - Maintainers document
  - RACI spreadsheet
Jakarta EE and MicroProfile

Update on pull vs push model voting - vote completed last week. Pull model approved.

Mike Milinkovich distributed the umbrella working group proposal for feedback:
https://docs.google.com/document/d/1pV2n0iZkgdalOaaZMZuTmSPDyjVKZBS5gg7Y1-P_RHU/edit

- The doc has received less feedback than it might have in “ordinary” times.
- Particularly interested in feedback on principles, and identifying an approach that minimizes paper work and enables IP sharing.
- Would look for a Jakarta EE Steering Committee vote on whether this approach is endorsed. MicroProfile would need to vote separately.
- Will come back to discuss this next meeting

Non Assertion Covenant in all Specification Project's Contributing.MDs file

In response to an issue David Blevins brought forward on the Jakarta EE Mailing List on February 12, 2020 regarding Executing the Consent Agreement Early, EMO has agreed that in order to resolve any potential issues, we plan to update all Specification Project's Contributing.MDs file to include a Non Assertion Covenant as follows:

**Specification Non Assertion Covenant**

To the extent you submit or otherwise make available to an Eclipse Foundation Specification Project (as that term is defined by the Eclipse Intellectual Property Policy) any ideas, concepts, methods or other information, you agree that you will not assert, based on such submissions, any intellectual property rights that are essential to any implementation of the submission, against the Eclipse Foundation, its contributors, or its licensees, with respect to any implementation of such Specification (as that term is defined by the Eclipse Foundation Specification Process). To further clarify, such submissions include, but are not limited to, submissions made to any public communications channel such as an email list, forum, bug report, or Github issue submissions.

It was the consensus that we add this either directly or by reference to all projects (not just specs) Contributing.MDs files.

Discussions are underway within EF on how to roll this out. Will be reviewed with EE4J PMC.
Jakarta EE 9

- Progress update
  - As of Mar 17, had an RC1 for Jakarta EE 9 Full Platform and Web Profile.
  - Several spec projects making progress.
  - Are not seeing PRs for final versions. Not seeing significant progress in the past several weeks. Related to dependency on compatible implementations and difficulty implementing updates to GF implementation.
  - Will raise this with the project team.
  - June delivery date at risk.

- Update on tooling:
  - Ownership for tooling vendors being tracked below:
    - [https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1uYyX43aNIQzfuSeBjr4LGCEH4sBilHqKGSOWrcEuc/edit?urp=gmail_link#gid=1810653774](https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1uYyX43aNIQzfuSeBjr4LGCEH4sBilHqKGSOWrcEuc/edit?urp=gmail_link#gid=1810653774)

Cloud Native for Java Message Architecture

- See email for Tanja requesting feedback
  - [https://docs.google.com/document/d/1UvQh9pHERspSIFismAXbDqVOvhD2Q-s8K5GoYh6Lm_Q/edit](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1UvQh9pHERspSIFismAXbDqVOvhD2Q-s8K5GoYh6Lm_Q/edit)
- Please provide feedback/signoff, no later than next Tuesday.

Operationalizing Jakarta EE Program Plan

- Tanja and Will have drafted a document that translates the goals of the 2020 plan:
  - [https://drive.google.com/open?id=1S053agg7BeBM4wSaGhtbANE6tFBc3Ap0Z-e-xdEOnM](https://drive.google.com/open?id=1S053agg7BeBM4wSaGhtbANE6tFBc3Ap0Z-e-xdEOnM)
- We will review status of the tracking spreadsheet.
  - [https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/19du8Cxf4aYc-q5aNnuqjYR1nlO0ZPuqcPeZU9uW8NE/edit#slide=id.g7b69340134_0_132](https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/19du8Cxf4aYc-q5aNnuqjYR1nlO0ZPuqcPeZU9uW8NE/edit#slide=id.g7b69340134_0_132)
  - [https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1uYyX43aNIQzfuSeBjr4LGCEH4sBilHqKGSOWrcEuc/edit#gid=0](https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1uYyX43aNIQzfuSeBjr4LGCEH4sBilHqKGSOWrcEuc/edit#gid=0)
    - Kevin will initiate a Jakarta EE 9 review at the Spec Committee. Paul and Kevin will prepare “homework” for Spec Committee members.
    - Paul and Will to meet to define more precisely how to track innovation at the individual spec project level.
- All docs are in the Steering Committee folder, program plans. Q1 goal suggestions were reviewed and feedback was requested.
- Dan and Will meet to discuss backward compatibility goal
Jakarta EE 8 Follow-Up (not discussed)

- Any update from last week.

Release Cadence discussion (not discussed)

- Discussion about cadence of releases from Jan 14 (John C provided the following summary).
  - Spec projects can release at any cadence they can implement to.
  - John C. suggests that slower does not equate to a negative. Stability is also of concern - what cadence do Jakarta EE users want to absorb (based on how they have been deploying Java EE up to this point)?
  - TCK compatibility requirements also have details about how independent releases can be absorbed. We may need to change these requirements, to support flexibility that we want to achieve.
  - The committee would like to identify barriers to complete independence with respect to release schedules. Jakarta may provide opportunities for expanding this flexibility.
  - We could include questions about this in a survey to help refine the community input. There are many possibilities for accomplishing this.
  - Suggested that the committee adopt a statement (or resolution) recommending improvement in the frequency of releases and that we work to identify and perhaps relax requirements that make releases take longer. Then the subcommittees and committer working groups could be asked to provide feedback about their processes and requirements that could be changed to meet this goal.
- Discussion from Feb 25 meeting
  - A plan for defining a release cadence should be informed by vendor requirements for releases
  - A release cadence plan should consider both a cadence for the Platform and a cadence for individual APIs
  - We need to define a relationship to compatibility requirements
  - It is difficult to define a release cadence plan without having completed a first release with changes (i.e. Jakarta EE 9)
  - We do not have a strawman/guideline for this to guide the discussion
  - Defining a release cadence/plan should be a Q2 goal