Nephio Project
MINUTES OF THE TECHNICAL STEERING COMMITTEE
March 16, 2023
10:00 am Pacific Time

Voting Representatives
***Please add + after your name if you are attending***
Google
-Kandan Kathirvel (Chair) +

Wind River
-Bin Yang
-Seshu Kumar +

Nokia
-Timo Perala +
Wim Henderickx (Nokia) for Timo +

Deutsche Telekom
-Bernard Tsai +

Vodafone
-Iain Wilkinson
-Riccardo Gasparetto Stori

Equinix
-Oleg Berzin

Intel
-Sundar Nadathur +

TIM
-Fabrizio Moggio

Ericsson
-Ciaran Johnston +
-Peter Woerndle

Casa Systems
-Eric Gaudet

Mavenir
-Jane Shen +
Bell Canada
- Daniel Bernier
- Marc-Alexandre Choquette

TELUS
- Sana Tariq

Aarna Networks
- Sandeep Sharma

Orange
- Eric Debeau

VMware
- Hunor Demeter
- Padma Sudarsan

Argela
- Erhan Lokman

Capgemini
- Sandip Sarkar
- Chandra

F5
- Sanju Abraham
- Ravi Ravindran +

Kubermatic
- Sebastian Scheele

Verizon
- Gene Bagwll

Attending
***Please add yourself here if you are not a voting representative***
John Belamaric +
Liam Fallon +
Alexis de Talhouet +
Anh Thu Vo +
Selcuk Duman
Sunny Cai (LF) +
Lucy Hyde (LF) +
Balaji Varadaraju +
Stephen Wong
David Bainbridge (Ciena)
Tal Liron +
Vishwanath Jayaraman (Red Hat) +
Wajeeha Hamid
Refael Hamo
Mike Woster
Radoslaw Chmiel
Vance Shipley (SigScale)
Olivier Smith (MATRIXX)
Borislav Glozman
Kaushik Bhandankar
Philippe Jeurissen
Senthil Kumar Ganesan
Subhash Kumar Singh
Byung Woo-Jun
Charles Eckel

Call to Order
Kandan Kathirvel (KK) called the meeting to order at 10:04 am. Lucy Hyde (LH) assisted in recording the minutes. LH reviewed the antitrust policy notice.

Agenda/Action Items
Kandan Kathirvel (KK) reviewed the agenda for the meeting. There were no changes or additional topics added.

SIG Updates

NetArch: Kaushik Bhandankar (KB) stated that they have created more refined user journeys that were shared with chairs. Wim presented the CRs in SIG1 with a follow-through to identify focus areas. KB also explained that they are looking forward beyond R1 from a SIG1 standpoint; KB and Sana are curating a set of topics in line to shape the next set of releases from a product scope and feature standpoint. The SIG will bring these areas to the community within the next few weeks.

Automation: John Belamaric (JB) stated that SIG Automation established subprojects last week and that they had several subproject meetings and good attendance. It's a bootstrapping process due to many contributors and level setting. JB stated that they will get a clearer picture of delivery in the next few weeks. JB explained that resources are unclear and will adjust the scope for delivery at the end of May. JB stated that Helm was discussed quite extensively at the SIG meeting last week and that they decided to form another subproject in SIG2 to identify requirements (the first step is research requirements; PR is available for comments). JB elaborated that the plan is to organize the subproject under SIG2 and seek input under SIG1.
Ciaran Johnston (CJ) stated that an email was sent to Kaushik and Sana last week, to get a SIG1/SIG NetArch regular meeting to have discussion. Kaushik Bhandankar (KB) stated that they will get back to Ciaran in next 24 hours about outlying tasks.

Wim Henderickx (WH) asked regarding the number of contributors and GitHub, and enforcement of the CLA. Lucy Hyde (LH) confirmed that EasyCLA was set up and would be installed, and John Belamaric (JB) stated that it would automatically enforce the signing of either an ICLA or CCLA; further discussion ensued regarding the decision between signing an ICLA or CCLA.

John Belamaric (JB) also gave an overview of three subprojects (package management, package specialization, workload cluster) and that there is an open call to assist Wim in subprojects. JB discussed the meeting cadence and the project board; JB stated that the workload cluster subproject is still getting ramped up and that they need an operator for free5gc.

Tal Liron (TL) stated that there is an open call for a workshop directly after TSC (2 hours; Zoom). TL stated that the zoom link was mailed to the sig-automation mailing list and that it is posted to the calendar (link in chat). TL stated that they could repeat the workshop to accommodate timezones of the community.

**Release:** Tal Liron (TL) stated that there are no new updates and gave a brief overview of two subprojects (release management, tooling).

**From Chat:**
Sundar: Could you put the link to the subproject PR in the chat?
John: https://github.com/nephio-project/governance/pull/65
Wim: Btw it is not that I don’t want to lead the sub group. I am happy to do so, but I believe for Nephio it would be good to have more leaders as this means we can scale better going fwd.
Kaushik: Please share the recording @Tal
Calendar: https://lists.nephio.org/g/sig-automation/calendar | https://zoom.us/j/98567718399

**Discussion**
Kandan Kathirvel (KK) stated to please make sure the blogs are done and discussed ongoing topics and timelines. KK then discussed that Lucy Hyde (LH) will be working to increase content on the Wiki page and for any volunteers to reach out. Kaushik Bhandankar (KB) requested a high level of coordination and publishing. KK stated that April 15th is general date to publish blogs; Sunny Cai (SC) would be coordinating the blog content and dissemination and stated to reach out with content, design, or timing questions. KB requested a template to be shared if possible. Discussion ensued regarding blog themes and content, SIG areas of interest, and collaboration with other communities (ORAN, LFN). KK confirmed community collaboration for blogs. SC stated that if individuals are contributing blogs and mention their respective companies, to ensure that the content is neutral. Tal Liron (TL) stated that they would also like to contribute to a blog.
KB inquired about a SIG2/SIG3 timeline of presentation of Nephio R1 to the TSC. John Belamaric (JB) stated that it depended on resources and time commitment, and that there would be a better understanding in a few weeks. Discussion ensued regarding milestones, scope, and release schedule.

Kandan Kathirvel (KK) adjourned the meeting at 10:35am PT.