Sparkplug Steering Committee Call
November 19, 2020

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Attendees
Ian Skerrett (HiveMQ)
Jeff Knepper (Canary Labs)
Jackie Eldridge (Inductive Automation)
Kristine Zukose (Inductive Automation)
Frederic Desbiens (Eclipse Foundation)
Wes Johnson (Cirrus Link)
Paul Buck (Eclipse Foundation)
Sharon Corbett (Eclipse Foundation)
Clark Roundy
David Grussenmeyer (Inductive Automation)

Absent:
Todd Anslinger (Chevron)
Mao Huang (ORing Industrial)
Don Pearson (Inductive Automation)
Minutes:

TCK Project
Wes Johnson with Cirrus Link gave an update on the TCK and spec project. They are currently working on getting the spec project over into the new format and adding the normative statements. They are still having some issues with participation which makes progress a little slow. Wes will be making a push personally to try to get this done by the end of the year, but not sure how to get more people to participate. Ian Skerret with HiveMQ mentioned that they hired Ian Craigs to help specifically with the spec project and is very hopeful that they will be able to contribute more. Wes should see Ian start showing up in the mailing list.

Frederic mentioned that we do have a deadline on the effort which is July 1st, and that we should probably email the committers and let them know of the deadline. Paul mentioned it would be helpful for Wes to put the call out for contribution, and then have the steering committee members who have employees working on the project, reach out to them and help them understand the priority of getting this work done.

Name of Working Group
Sharon Corbett with Eclipse Foundation joined the call to give some general updates of the things that will be happening in December due to their corporate restructuring that is currently underway. The Eclipse Foundation team are making some changes throughout their websites, agreements, and charters to reflect what the board approved with respect to the restructuring. They will also be making some non material changes such as tightening up and streamlining the language. With that, they will be reaching out to the steering committee throughout the month of December with several of those non material changes and asking all working groups to adopt the changes and put that resolution into the notes so that way they can post to the website and adjust all the changes at the same time for all working groups. The reason Sharon wanted to bring this up today is because the steering committee would need to make a decision on whether or not they would like to keep “Eclipse” in front of the working group name or have it stand alone as “Sparkplug Working Group”. We will revisit this discussion in the next meeting when hopefully more of the steering committee members are present.

Messaging
Clark Roundy showed the current website to discuss the messaging the working group currently has on there. There may be an opportunity to up level the messaging a bit so he would like the feedback from the members regarding this. Jeff mentions the members will have to be careful not to position it as something more than it is when trying to call it “a platform”. Jeff also mentioned that it might be interesting to go a different direction and position the
messaging as a solution to go cross platform with IoT. The members will do some more brainstorming and the Eclipse team will take what feedback they got today to brainstorm on their end as well.

**Membership Pipeline**

Members discussed active leads and where they stand and some possible new prospects. Arlen Nipper was out this meeting so Wes brought up OPTO 22, the next step is Frederic will need to reach out to get a call scheduled with Benson to follow up.

**Meeting Adjourned!**