Sparkplug Steering Committee Call
May 6, 2021

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Attendees:

Don Pearson (Inductive Automation)
Jackie Eldridge (Inductive Automation)
Paul Buck (Eclipse Foundation)
Hassan Jaber (Eclipse Foundation)
Arlen Nipper (Cirrus Link)
Chris Houghton (Cirrus Link)
David Grussenmeyer (Inductive Automation)
Frederic Desbiens (Eclipse Foundation)
Kristine Zukose (Inductive Automation)
Clark Roundy (Eclipse Foundation)
Ian Skerrett (HiveMQ)
Ed Stern (Canary Labs)
Benson Houghland (Opto22)
Ben Orchard (Opto22)
Sharon Corbett (Eclipse Foundation)
Todd Anslinger (Chevron) (Got let in last minute)

Absent:
Wes Johnson (Cirrus Link)

Minutes:

Objection to approving the last meeting minutes: None
Resolved, the Minutes of the April 22, 2021 Steering Committee Minutes were unanimously approved.

Upcoming Elections, participant members representative seat
The Eclipse Foundation team wanted to notify the steering committee that the Charter states that there is a seat reserved for participant members on the Steering Committee; the seat is currently filled by Ian representing HiveMQ. They need to run elections, and we have a number of new participant members who would be able to run as a candidate if they would like. Sharon mentioned that The Eclipse Foundation will hold two elections for the Working Group; one for the Participant Rep for the Steering Committee and one for the Participant Rep for the Specification Committee.

Vote: Formal Adoption of the Eclipse Foundation Spec Process (EFSP)

The following resolution was put to vote:

RESOLVED, the Sparkplug Steering Committee approves the use of the Eclipse Foundation Specification Process to manage all specifications under the purview of this Working Group.

The resolution was adopted unanimously.

Patent License Discussion
The steering committee members opened this discussion to go over their views and brainstorm on which patent licencing to go forward with before the official vote. They also brought Benson and Ben from Opto22 up to speed as this is their first official meeting. The members conducted a straw poll to gauge members opinions at this time and at the moment there was a simple majority for the compatible license. Paul Buck will share this information with Frederic so he can get it communicated to the mailing list that there will be a ballot for this to be voted on in the next call (May 20th, 2021).
Membership Pipeline

Members discussed active leads and where they stand and some possible new prospects. Members also discussed University Engagement and some leads regarding schools and programs.

Meeting Adjourned!