

Sparkplug Steering Committee Call

October 21, 2021

Agenda

Agenda Topics	Moderator	Minutes
Approve Minutes of the October 7, 2021 call	Frédéric	5
Sparkplug-related patents	Frédéric	5
2022 Program Plan and Budget	All	50

Attendees:

Jackie Eldridge (Inductive Automation)
Jeff Knepper (Canary Labs)
Hassan Jaber (Eclipse Foundation)
David Grussenmeyer (Inductive Automation)
Kristine Zukose (Inductive Automation)
Frederic Desbiens (Eclipse Foundation)
Todd Anslinger (Chevron)
Benson Houghland (Opto22)
Arlen Nipper (Cirrus Link)
Don Pearson (Inductive Automation)
Ian Skerrett (HiveMQ)
Bryce Nakatani

Absent:

Vani Desai (Intel)

Minutes:

Objection to approving the last meeting minutes: None
Resolved, the Minutes of the October 7th, 2021 Steering Committee Minutes were unanimously approved.

Marketing Discussion

Arlen Nipper recorded a session with CESMII and a few other representatives regarding the OPC UA and Sparkplug model. Arlen will make sure the group all gets a link to view it they want. It's coming out in early November. He also did an article around OPC UA and Sparkplug with Automation World magazine that will come out in December he can share as well. Frederic mentioned to make sure Arlen shares the information with Hassan Jaber so he can promote it on their side as well.

Ian Skerrett mentioned that HiveMQ is doing a campaign with Smart Industries and will be doing a webinar with them in November.

Sparkplug Related Patents (cont.)

Continued from the conversations around this topic at the last meeting. Wes Johnson mentioned in the specification meeting that the outcome is that anybody that's in the sparkplug working group can use any part of the patent. It's a flow through so everybody gets to take advantage of it. Frederic added onto this explaining that there will be a new profile that will explicitly make the patent that CirrusLink obtained in the perimeter of the patent license for the working group, which essentially means that any implementation of sparkplug technology that would be infringing on the patents and passes the TCK will get a patent license through our patent licensing as arranged through the working group. It is not yet written out yet but Wes is working on the new profile and getting the draft ready. The meeting was recorded so Frederic will share the link to that recording with the members of the working group. Frederic will coordinate with Wes on the wording of the new profile and will work on getting a blog post crafted and CirrusLink can create a joint statement between the Eclipse Foundation and themselves around this.

Working Group Discussion

Jeff Knepper wanted to discuss the idea of individual membership outside of company membership. A comment came up on an Industry 4.0 forum stating that it was foolish that the working group would not let individual members join outside of a company membership. Ian mentioned that individuals actually can participate in the specification committee so it depends on what exactly the individuals want to participate in. Frederic stated that individual contributors can participate in the Eclipse spark plug specification project but committee membership, whether it's Steering Committee or the Specification committee is reserved to working group members. The members came to the consensus to implement committee membership in the working group, so Frederic will take that as an action point to coordinate with Sharon on.

Finalizing Program Plan and Budget 2022

The committee members went through all the highlighted open issues on the program plan with Frederic and resolved them for now.

The committee members reviewed the changes to the 2022 Budget plan. If there are any other events that the members feel being there would bring value, let Frederic know as soon as possible.

RESOLVED, the Sparkplug steering committee approves the 2022 Program Plan unanimously.

RESOLVED, the Sparkplug steering committee approves the 2022 Budget Plan unanimously.