Sparkplug Steering Committee Call

August 11, 2022

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Attendees:

Todd Anslinger (Chevron)
Justin Brzozoski (SignalFire)
Frédéric Desbiens (Eclipse Foundation)
David Grussenmeyer (Inductive Automation)
Benson Houghland (Opto22)
Hassan Jaber (Eclipse Foundation)
Jeff Knepper (Canary Labs)
Bryce Nakatani (Opto22)
Arlen Nipper (Cirrus Link)

Absent:
Don Pearson (Inductive Automation)
Ian Skerrett (HiveMQ)

Kristine Zukose (Inductive Automation)

1. **Approve Minutes of the July 28, 2022 call**
   The committee approved the minutes for the July 28, 2022 call unanimously.

2. **Virtual Event with IIoT World**
   Frédéric Desbiens informed the committee of an email exchange he had with Lucian Fogoros. To provide pricing for a potential Sparkplug-focused virtual event, Lucian need to know how many attendees he should aim for. After discussion, the committee agreed that 1,000 attendees would be the ideal target, and 500 attendees the minimal audience to make the event worthwhile.

   Frédéric will communicate those numbers to Lucian, and will share Lucian's priced proposal with the committee through the steering committee's mailing list.

3. **Sparkplug business benefits document — Update**
   Hassan Jaber updated the committee on the progress made on the document. A draft should be available during the week of August 29, 2022.

4. **EclipseCon 2022 — Sparkplug plugfest**
   The working group aims to take advantage of Hacker Day (Thursday, October 27, 2022 from 13:00 to 17:00) at EclipseCon 2022 to organize a plugfest leveraging the proven formula of the Integrate Live events Jeff Knepper is involved in.

   Frédéric Desbiens reminded committee members that they need to identify european partners who could be willing to participate. The barrier to entry is low since there is an affordable Thursday-only pass available.

5. **ISO/IEC IPR Policies — Update**
   Frédéric Desbiens informed the committee that Mike Milinkovich discussed with the Foundation's counsel the matter of a public statement made by holders of Sparkplug-related patents to signify their willingness to license their patent to implementers of the ISO/IEC version of the specification as long as their implementation passes the Sparklug Technology Compatibility Kit (TCK). The counsel stated the approach seems sound. Mike will put together a draft statement that will essentially reiterate key points of the Eclipse IP policy.

6. **ISO/IEC JTC 1 transposition — Next steps**
   Frédéric Desbiens informed the committee that he met with David Filip, the Foundation's PAS mentor, to discuss what needs to be done to officially submit the Sparkplug specification for transposition as an international standard. The main deliverable is called *explanatory report*. This report must follow the structure defined in

ISO/IEC JTC 1 [Standing Document N 9](#): *Guide to the Transposition of Publicly Available Specifications Into International Standards*.

Frédéric will write a first draft that he will validate with Foundation stakeholders and David. Once this is done, he will share it with the committee for feedback.

7. **Membership pipeline**
   The participants to the call discussed the membership pipeline. Automation Direct and Digi are the two most serious prospects for now.

   The committee also discussed strategy for ARC Forum 2023, and Frédéric Desbiens discussed the possibility to join a large booth project coordinated by the Eclipse Foundation and the OpenHW Group.