OpenChain Work Team Call 09-09-2019 minutes:

Roll Call:

- Shane Coughlan
- Alexandra Boehm
- David Bainbridge
- Max Grippning
- Andrew Katz
- Nicole Pappler
- Gilles Gravier
- Jeff Luszcz
- Klaus Behrla
- Marco Luis
- Philippe Ombredanne
- Wendy Head
- Chandana
- Sami Abatani
- Mark Gisi
- Nathan Kumagai
- Jake Mc Gowan
- Stefano Velrti
- Indira Bhatt
- David Marr
- Denisse Weil
- Stefan Thanheiser

First item as always was the Antitrust Policy Notice

Project Update:

- The Third Party Certification has a nice case study out. It can be found here: https://www.openchainproject.org/news/2019/08/23/openchain-case-study-third-party-certification
  It was created in collaboration with from Nicole Pappler TUV SUD. It’s a great opportunity to see how third party certifiers work around things like the OpenChain Project.
- We are happy to introduce the OpenChain Interviews:
We are doing the interviews every 2 weeks to 1 month. These entries will show the faces behind OpenChain globally. If you are interested to be one of our interviewees, let us now. Right now we have 5 interviews from Japan in the queue. All female participants from the OpenChain project.

- The OpenChain Specification 2.0 is out in Korean.

We now have the OpenChain Specification translated to Simplified Chinese, Traditional Chinese and Korean. We still need it in Japanese, we expect this to come online relatively soon.

- The OpenChain work group held its first meeting in India.

The China Work Group will meet at the 25th of September.

Mark Gisi from Wind River presents on the SParts Project:

The slides can be found here:


Philippe Ombredanne from nextB presents on ScanCode.

The slides can be found here:


Specification Work Team

- Current Status:

  - Most people that are moving into deployment of OpenChain are using Spec. 2.0. The latest draft can be found here:

  - This version of the OpenChain Specification is going into the ISO process. There will be a little bit of formatting to fit into the ISO standard format.

  - We had some discussions about making changes to the specification, but the Work Team community came to a general consensus to not make changes apart from clarifications that are utterly necessary. There was only one minor change: Because the terms “Software Staff” and “Program Participants” where used interchangeable in the spec, it
was decided to replace each use of “Software Staff” with “Program Participants” which is more consistent with ISO terminology.

This is no functional change to the Spec, it’s just harmonizing and fitting into ISO.

We do want your eyes on this! Once the OpenChain Specification comes out in ISO next year, will be something we have to work with for many years. We want your help to identify and improve any areas where you think there is an editing issue or a clarity issue.

Reported issues can be found here:

https://github.com/OpenChain-Project/Specification/issues

- Some high-level notes from the Governing Board
  - The Governing Board has a Sup-Committee to review the ISO Spec and make sure it matches Version 2.0.
  - They will be meeting a few times in the next couple of months.
  - The Sub Committee, similar to the Work Team, has consensus that we should try to ensure that we do not change the requirements of the Spec 2.0.
  - We can identify items in this process that may be changed in a future version of the Spec. but it is suggested they are not included this time around unless we believe they are functional vital for the Spec deployment.
  - The Specification will be locked down on October 31st. By then the editing has to be complete.
  - Sami Abatani commented: Over the last couple of years we have done an extensive number of reviews of the Specification. So it’s not surprising that the general consensus is that there should be minimal changes between Spec 2.0 and Spec 2.1. If you look historically we have made a reasonable amount of changes and there have always been justifications behind why those changes are required. This goes beyond not making changes because we are going through the ISO process, but it also reflects years of consensus that we need to acknowledge.

- Any Other Business
  - We will be focusing on the Spec multiple calls going forward. On the next call we will raise some of the comments that have come in.