Eclipse IP Advisory Committee Report

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IP Policy

- Work has continued on drafting a revised IP Policy. All the major work is complete. The draft document we have today is a substantial improvement over the current policy. It is more readable (mostly because it is more consistent) and better reflects what is actually happening in our IP processes.

- Although the major work is complete, the devil is in the details and we still need to finalize the wording for one or two minor issues. Janet and Adrian are working on these changes now. A draft final document will be brought back to the committee one last time before it is brought to the board. We expect that we can have approval from the committee by early July.

EPL-GPL document

- There has been substantial discussion over the need to publish a document that provides guidance to the Eclipse community on the compatibility (lack thereof) between the EPL and GPL.

- The committee's task is to produce a document that provides the necessary guidance while avoiding the multitude of possible problems. These include:
    - People acting on the basis of such guidance
    - Creating tension between the Eclipse Foundation and GPL authorities such as the Free Software Foundation as a result of producing guidance or documenting positions that may be counter to their own

- This is the next major project for the committee