

Abridged Minutes of the Board Meeting of the Eclipse Foundation, Inc. December 13 & 14, 2006

Attendees

Directors:

Tim Barnes	(OpenMethods)
Michael Bechauf	(SAP AG) - December 13th only
Mark Coggins	(Actuate Corporation)
Brian Roberts for Paul Czarnik	(Compuware)
Winston Damarillo	(Simula Labs)
Jim Saliba for Sam Greenblatt	(Computer Associates)
Andi Gutmans	(Zend)
Jonathan Khazam	(Intel)
Jochen Krause	(Elected add-in provider representative)
Howard H. Lewis	(Elected add-in provider representative)
Scott Lewis	(Elected committer representative)
Kai-Uwe Maetzel	(Elected committer representative)
Jeff McAffer	(Elected committer representative)
Eric Newcomer	(Iona)
Kevin Parker	(Serena)
Steve Saunders	(Wind River)
Mike Taylor	(Elected add-in provider representative)
Dave Thomson	(IBM) – December 13th only
David Tong	(Sybase)
Tim Wagner	(Elected committer representative)
Todd Williams	(Elected add-in provider representative)
Christy Wyatt	(Motorola)
Janet Campbell	(Secretary)
Mike Milinkovich	(Executive Director)

Location: Hyatt Regency in Burlingame, California

Administrative Items:

A number of resolutions were reviewed and approved by the Board. These resolutions included:

- The Board approved the minutes of the Board of Directors meetings November 15, 2006.
- The Board approved the abridged minutes of the Board of Directors meetings for 2006.
- The Board instructs each Eclipse project to conform to the following requirements, and further instructs the EMO to ensure that all projects comply with these requirements in a timely manner.

(a) that each project's website must conform to the user interface guidelines established by the EMO, as updated by the EMO from time to time;

(b) that each project in the Incubator Phase (as defined in the Development Process) clearly labels itself, using guidelines as established by the EMO, as such in its website home page and on its project download page; and

(c) that each project must conform to the project data guidelines established by the EMO, as updated by the EMO from time to time.

- In order to improve the satisfaction of consumers and adopters of Eclipse open source projects, the Board hereby instructs all Eclipse projects to:

(a) improve the usability of those extensible tools delivered to the community;

(b) improve the initial user experience of the software releases delivered to the community, with respect to packaging, installation and out-of-the box experience; and

(c) continue to comply with the Purposes of the Eclipse Foundation, with particular emphasis on "...supplying frameworks and exemplary, extensible tools..." in order to cultivate "...an ecosystem of complementary products, capabilities, and services."

- The Board instructs the Eclipse Management Organization to ensure that all projects are made aware of the Eclipse policy on Interacting with Specification Organizations. This document will be made publicly available on the Eclipse Foundation website.

- The Board directs the Executive Director to:

(a) at his discretion, take steps to enforce the terms of the Eclipse Public License (EPL) in cases where it finds entities violating its terms; and

(b) work with the IP Advisory Committee to develop a policy for enforcing the terms of the EPL.

- The Board approved the 2007 Budget.

Committer Issues and Update:

The Committer representatives indicated that good strides have been made with the Committer community, yet there are improvements to be made in terms of the speed of the wiki and bug triage support. With respect to infrastructure, while uptime has been great, server upgrades affected Committers ability to use mailing lists and affected Committer use of Bugzilla. The issue of cross-project collaboration was raised and the question as to whether the Foundation has a role to play in hosting a multi-project testing environment and coordinating who gets access to the machines at a particular point in time. The Committer representatives were asked to poll some of their peers and PMCs and see what is desired.

Add-In Provider Issues & Update:

The Add-In Provider representatives indicated that the membership survey had shown that Add-In Providers are generally happy. The need to do more from a community building standpoint in Europe was highlighted. Mike Milinkovich took the action to start a working group to consider "how do we foster the creation of local communities and create participation in other international locations".

Marketing Update

Mike Milinkovich provided the Board with an update on the Marketing status and upcoming plans.

Notable Coverage



- RCP Case Study
 - JPMorgan Stays Focused on Eclipse - eWeek, October 16, 2006
 - <http://www.eweek.com/article2/0,1895,2027415,00.asp>
 - The Heart of Eclipse - ACM Queue October 2006
 - <http://www.acmqueue.org/modules.php?name=Content&pa=showpage&pid=425>
- 5th Birthday Coverage
 - Eclipse Picks Up Speed at Five-Year Mark – ComputerWorld, Nov. 13
 - Total Eclipse In Java Development - CRN, Nov. 13
 - Plus others

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RCP Marketing in Q4



- Case Studies
 - APC
 - RPC Software
- Sponsored Webinars
 - 3 webinars focused on RCP
 - Over 300 attendees for each; over 700 registrants
 - Sponsored by Palamida, IBM and Instantiations
 - Produced by BZ Media

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Other Activities in Q4



- Webinar Series
 - AJAX Toolkit Framework – 140 attendees
 - Mobile Tools for Java – scheduled for Dec 12
 - Thanks to Adobe for providing access to Adobe Connect

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Q1 2007 Activities



- Eclipse Forum Europe, April 23 to 27, 2007 Wiesbaden, Germany
 - Produced by Software & Support Verlag
- Eclipse Webinar Series
 - Sponsored by Adobe Connect
- Eclipse Awards
- Eclipse PluginFest

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Eclipse PluginFest



- January 23-24 in London UK
- Interoperability and compatibility testing between different Eclipse based solutions
 - Focus on embedded and mobile solutions
- Organizations planning to attend include Nokia, Symbian, Wind River, QNX, Linuxworks, ARM, Sony Ericsson
- No cost to attend but you must pre-register
- More details at <http://www.eclipse.org/community/pluginfest/>
- Thanks to Symbian for hosting and sponsoring the Event

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How to Get Involved



- Marketing Working Group
 - Propose a new working group
- Marketing Mailing List
- Send product announcements to news@eclipse.org
- Eclipse Aggregator: Planet Eclipse
 - <http://planet.eclipse.org/planet/>
- Eclipse Foundation Employee Blogs
 - Mike Milinkovich
 - <http://milinkovich.blogspot.com/>
 - Bjorn Freeman-Benson
 - <http://eclipse-projects.blogspot.com/>
 - Ian Skerrett
 - <http://ianskerrett.blogspot.com/>
 - Donald Smith
 - <http://eclipse-ecosystem.blogspot.com/>
 - Wayne Beaton
 - <http://wbeaton.blogspot.com/>

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Membership Update:

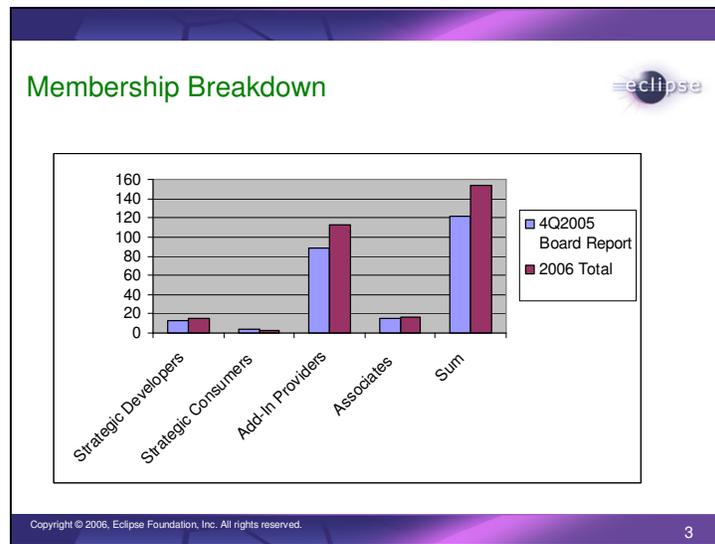
Mike Milinkovich provided the Board with an update on the Membership of the Eclipse Foundation.

The Members of Eclipse

- 149 members (137 in June 2006)
 - 18 Strategic Members (16 in June 2006)
 - 113 Add-in Providers (102 in June 2006)
 - 18 Associate Members (19 in June 2006)
- 765 committers, representing 50+ organizations

Strategic Members

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Q4 New Members



- Add-in Providers
 - AlterPoint
 - Gentleware AG
 - Google
 - VTT
 - Helmi Technologies
 - Trango
 - IBS AB
 - VirtualLogix
 - Cloudsmith
- Associate Members
 - Carleton University

New Members so far in 2006



Q1

- EADS
- iMEDIC GmbH
- MicroDot
- Kyoto Microcomputer Co
- Fortify Software
- Codign Software
- Perforce
- ST Microelectronics
- Salesforce.Com
- MedicalBanking Project
- Software & Support Veriag
- Software AG
- SugarCRM
- Krugle, Inc
- MySQL
- NexB
- Juluna
- I-Logix

Q2

- TNI-software
- TransMend
- Technological Education Institution of West Macedonia
- Metallec
- Intervoice
- Inetsoft
- Vector Consulting
- Itemis GmbH
- Band XI
- Motorola

Q3

- Sony Ericsson
- ARM Limited
- Adobe
- Simula Labs
- Active Grid
- KPIT Cummins
- AlterPoint
- Gentleware AG

Q4

- Google
- VTT
- Helmi
- Trango
- Aonix
- IBS AB
- VirtualLogix
- Cloudsmith
- Carleton University

Membership Feedback Survey



- Survey of company reps, delegates and unaffiliated committers
- Started November 27th, open through December 15th
- Contact membership@eclipse.org if you have not received an invitation to the survey and feel you should have

Membership Feedback Survey results n=44

(as of Nov 30)



	Excellent	Good	Average	Below Average	Poor	N/A
Overall Satisfaction with Membership	35%	55%	10%			
Satisfaction with Eclipse Foundation	30%	65%	5%			
Satisfaction with ROI on Membership Involvement	18%	45%	27%	7%	2%	
Satisfaction with Ecosystem as means to support your business	30%	45%	13%	2%		10%

Membership Feedback Survey results n=44

(as of Nov 30)



Satisfaction Foundation Services:	Excellent	Above Average	Average	Below Average	Poor	Unsure
Marketing Events and Programs	21%	49%	18%	3%		
IP Services	13%	31%	41%	3%		
IT Infrastructure	39%	46%	15%			
Governance	10%	32%	29%			26%
Ecosystem Development	25%	31%	25%			19%

Membership Feedback Survey results n=44 (as of Nov 30)



Why did you join the Eclipse Foundation?

(1 = Strong Reason 3 = Doesn't matter either way 5 = Not a Reason)

- Want to contribute to the Technology (1.7)
- To Support the Eclipse Community (1.9)
- Marketability of being Eclipse Member (1.9)
- Networking Opportunities (2.1)
- Access to project information and status (2.3)
- Influence over Foundation direction (2.6)
- Altruism (2.8)
- Access to Members Only Events (2.9)
- Access to Foundation-run Marketing Programs (3.0)

Membership Feedback Survey results n=44 (as of Nov 30)



Miscellaneous Feedback

- Foundation focused on large organizations
 - Additional focus on individual contributors would be helpful
 - Additional focus on projects, tech and coolness
- Marketing
 - More Europe Activities, More bridging of Commercial and Project Ecosystems, Aggregate member RSS for Press coverage, Develop an Eclipse Personality (a-la-Gosling is to Sun), More East Coast events, EclipseCon ROCKS
- IP
 - Impressive knowledge and process, necessary, lengthy, complex, restrictive, IPZilla a great step forward
- IT
 - Great services, some outages, coming along nicely, EPIC is great, great tools, more details on project pages

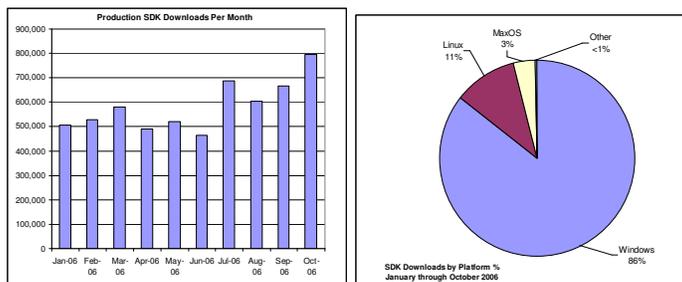
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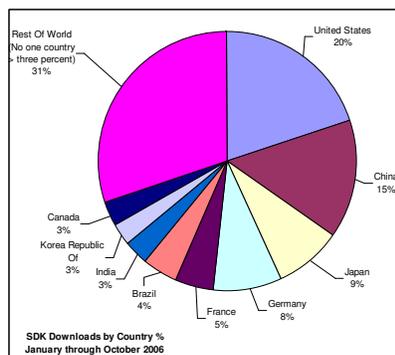
Governance

- Still too many "closed door" conversations, EMO does good job with governance, but councils seem ineffective, meetings are well run, large gap between small/large companies hard to satisfy all needs
- Ecosystem Development
 - Ralph is doing great in Europe, Main reason we joined Eclipse, More networking and connections out of eclipse.org please, more competitive (sun and MS) support please, more networking opportunities, favoritism to large companies

Production SDK Download Stats



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Project Update:

Mike Milinkovich provided the Board with an update on the projects of the Eclipse Foundation.

Project Changes Last 100 days



- DSDP ♦ Mobile Tools for Java - 0.7 released
- DSDP ♦ Target Management / RSE - 1.0 released
- Modeling ♦ Model-to-Text (M2T) Transformation - proposal posted
- Modeling ♦ Model Development Tools - provisioned
- Tools ♦ AspectJ Development Tools – moved from Technology
- Tools ♦ AspectJ Development Tools - 1.4.1 / 1.5.3 released
- Technology ♦ Parallel Tools Platform - 1.0 released
- Technology ♦ SVN Team Provider - proposal updated
- Technology ♦ Aperi Storage Management Project - provisioned
- Technology ♦ Embedded Rich Client Platform - 1.0 released
- Technology ♦ The Eclipse Orbit Project - provisioned
- Technology ♦ The Eclipse Process Framework Project - 1.0 released
- Technology ♦ ECM Rich Client Platform (Apogee) - provisioned
- Technology ♦ Kepler - proposal posted
- Technology ♦ Rich Server Platform - User Interface - proposal updated
- Technology ♦ The Eclipse on Linux (Linux Distro) Project - created
- Technology ♦ Mylar - 1.0 released
- Technology ♦ g-Eclipse - created

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Project Structure



- Platform
- Business Intelligence and Reporting Tools Platform
- Data Tools Platform
- Device Software Development Platform
 - MJT eWideStudio
- (incubation) SOA Tooling Platform
- Modeling
- Test and Performance Tools Platform
- Tools
 - CDT GEF
 - EMF COBOL
 - Visual Editor UML2
- Web Tools Platform
 - JavaServer Faces
- Technology

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IP Zilla



- More transparency in the IP approval process (thanks to Janet and Denis and many others)
- Available to committers
- Results added to each project's IP Log

IPzilla

Buzilla Version 2.22

Search by CQ number

You may find a single CQ by entering its CQ id here:

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Europa Simultaneous Release



- Successor to Callisto
- http://wiki.eclipse.org/index.php/Europa_Simultaneous_Release
- More projects this year
 - AJDT, BIRT, Buckminster, CDT, Corona, DSDP/DD, DSDP/TM, DTP, EMF, GEF, GMF, Platform, TPTP, Web Tools, ECF, MDT
- Same rules as last year
 - e.g., a simultaneous release, not a unified release

Other:

Several other matters were discussed including:

- Mike Milinkovich welcomed Tim Barnes to the Board. Open Methods recently joined the Eclipse Foundation as a Strategic Developer.
- Mike Milinkovich reviewed the 2007 Budget and Program Plan.
- It was agreed that the Executive Director would generate a report to the community every six months reporting on Board and Eclipse Foundation activities.
- Board members (or their representative) reported on their Company's respective Eclipse related activity.
- A process to allow incubating projects to submit code to CVS in parallel to the review of the code from an IP standpoint was agreed upon by the IP Advisory Committee and recommended to the Board. In addition, the IP Advisory Committee would be recommending that the Board introduce parallelism into the Board approval process so that the Board would be notified in advance of a projects interest in using non-EPL code rather than after due diligence review. This is hoped to shorten the time to approval for projects.
- Mike Milinkovich informed the Board that the Corporation's outside counsel had recently merged with another firm. No change in service or representation is expected as a result of this merger.
- Bjorn Freeman-Benson presented the proposed revisions to the Eclipse Development Process.

Process and Goals 

- Three main goals:
 - Synchronize the process as-written and as-practiced
 - Increase community awareness and participation of, and in, the process
 - Include formal mentoring as one way to help Projects work towards high-quality extensible frameworks
- Discussed at Board meeting – June 2006
- Draft of revised document on wiki – September
- Public newsgroup and wiki discussion – October-November
- Blog post series by Bjorn (17 posts) – October-November
- Discussion with Board working group (3 sessions) – Oct-Nov
- Summary to Members meeting – December 6

http://wiki.eclipse.org/index.php/Development_Process_2006_Revision_Final
http://wiki.eclipse.org/index.php/Development_Process_2006_Revision

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Principles



- Open Source Rules of Engagement
- Quality Culture
- Collective Reputation
- Eclipse Ecosystem
- Three Communities
- Clear and Concise
- Freedom, Autonomy, and Evolution
- Just Enough Process

Open Source Rules of Engagement



- **Open** - Eclipse is open to all; Eclipse provides the same opportunity to all. Everyone participates with the same rules; there are no rules to exclude any potential contributors which include, of course, direct competitors in the marketplace.
 - As a further explanation of Receptive, we include **Permeable** and **Receptive** - Projects are open to new ideas and new committers; not just in words, but in fact. In other words, those outside the core can, and do, influence and join the project.
- **Transparent** - Project discussions, minutes, deliberations, project plans, plans for new features, and other artifacts are open, public, and easily accessible.
- **Meritocracy** - Eclipse is a meritocracy. The more you contribute the more responsibility you will earn. Leadership roles in Eclipse are also merit-based and earned by peer acclaim.

Major Changes

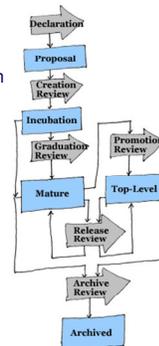


- **Diversity** – acknowledgement that while diversity is a goal, a numeric requirement for diversity is not realistic [as-practiced]
- **Planning Council** – takes over the project-based architectural coordination role [as-practiced]
- **+Incubation -Validation** – [as-practiced]
- **Architecture Council** – takes over the mentoring role, both for architecture and process; new members as needed [new]
- **Mentors** – Incubating projects have official mentors from the Architecture Council [new]
- **Top-Level Graduation** – top-level projects must incubate as sub-projects and then graduate [new]
- **All-Hands Review Votes** – reviews are week-long with an all-members vote [new]

Lesser Changes



- **Principles** – a “mission statement” that provides a background for discussion [new]
- **Election of Committers** – subsumes some of the Charter wording so as to provide a consistent definition of, and process for, Committer elections across all projects [new]
- **Annual Reviews** – identify and archive inactive projects [new]
- **Annual Improvements** – EMO to annual review this process so that it continues to help, not hinder, the projects and eco-system [new]
- **Contribution Notifications** – major new features and code contributions announce to membership [new]



Community Feedback



- Many thanks to: **Jochen Krause, Rich Main, Jeff McAffer, Tim Wagner**
- Thanks to: **Nick Boldt, Ed Burnette, Winston Damarillo, Anurag Gupta, Scott Lewis, Lawrence Mandell, Daniel Megert, Ed Merks, David Orme, Kevin Parker, Mitch Sonies, Eran W**
- Not everyone was happy: “terrible ... inconsistent, vacuous, awkward, redundant, sloppy, excessively casual” ... “ineffective” ... should not change as-written to as-practiced ... the EMO is negligent in not enforcing as-written

Following discussion, it was agreed that Eric Newcomer would lead a working group to investigate including a unified distributed computing architecture.

Mike Milinkovich took the action to circulate a revised redline version of the revised development process at the January meeting.