Annual Revision of the Development Process

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Process and Goals

- Three main goals:
  - Synchronize the process as-written and as-practiced
  - Reduce overhead for Project teams while maintaining Community awareness
  - Enable more efficient infrastructure (unix groups) at the Foundation

- Draft on website – March
- Blog post series by Bjorn – March-April
- Discussion with Board – March 17
- Summary to Members meeting – March 17
- Approval by the Board – April?

Major Changes

- **Hierarchical Projects**
  - No special “components” any more – everything is sub-project (or a sub-sub-project, or a sub-sub-sub-project, etc)
  - Close the “can create a project (called a component) with no community review” loophole

- **Streamlined but still effective Reviews**
  - No community voting (because nobody ever voted)
  - By default, no conference call (because nobody attends)
  - On request by any member, a call will be held

- **More careful definition of “Release”**
  - What they are and why they are important
  - Define official Eclipse numbering as 2.4M1, 2.4M2, …, 2.4RC1, …, 2.4
  - Clarify that 0.5 is a “Release” and must follow all the release rules
Why Do You Care?

- Hierarchical Projects
  - As members, you care about this because it will provide better visibility into what the projects are doing.

- Streamlined but still effective Reviews
  - As a member, you care about this because it still provides you the assurance of clean IP and the opportunity to comment on Reviews.

- More careful definition of “Release”
  - As a member, you care about this because it maintains the quality meaning of “Eclipse release”