Proposed Membership Changes

Please contact membership at eclipse dot org with any questions.

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A Brief History

- Eclipse Foundation Launched November, 2003 with 50 Founding Members

- Membership Tiers:
  - Strategic Members
  - Add-In Provider Members
  - Associate Members
  - Committer Members
A Brief History – Organizations

- **Strategic Members**
  - Board Influence over Eclipse Foundation
  - Signal to up and downstream supply chain

- **Add-In Provider Members**
  - Marketing, Networking, Ecosystem Influence, Information Feeds, etc

- **Associate Members**
  - Signal support, Information and Networking
What Has Changed?

- Demand from non-ISV Enterprise Users to become members of the Eclipse Foundation

- Unable to do so under current membership format:
  - Strategic and Add-In Provider membership requires having an eclipse based “commercial offering”
  - Do not want board responsibilities
  - No eligible for Associate Membership

*Essentially, there exists a number of non-ISV Enterprise Organizations who wish to participate more in the Eclipse Ecosystem but are unable to do so under the current membership model.*
What is an “Enterprise User”?

- Aerospace
- Automotive
- Finance
- Healthcare
- Shipping and Logistics
- Telecommunications
- Etc…
The Further Along the Open Source Maturity Curve an organization is, the more likely they would become a member. Many ISV’s are in stage 2-4. Many Enterprise Users are moving from 0-1 into stage 2-3 and want our help to reach 4-5.
Benefits to Diversity In Membership

- More opportunities for members and projects
  - Connections into new markets grows overall market
  - More strategic use of projects makes them stronger

- Allows Eclipse Foundation to continue growing services and support
  - More Members = More & Better Services

- Protects health of ecosystem
  - More connections to more markets insulates from some market conditions
Will this work? An Evolution for Eclipse – Membership Generally Follows Projects

Membership in Eclipse Foundation

WE ARE HERE (Membership)

Java Tool ISVs

Embedded Tool ISVs

Frameworks and Runtimes

CDT, Target Management, TML, DSDP, eRCP, MTJ

Higgins, RAP, Swordfish, Aperi

Industry Verticals

OHF, OFMP, OSEE

Projects

JDT, AJDT, WTP, Platform
How Enterprises will Participate in Eclipse

- **Consume** - Made strategic investment in using Eclipse
  - Need More pluggable software – Signal Consumers and Suppliers
  - Closer Alignment with Community
  - Intellectual Property *Data*

- **Collaborate** – Use Open Source to drive efficiencies
  - Open Development Process
  - Architecture of Participation
  - Open Governance
  - IP *Policy*
Summary of Proposed Membership Changes

- Create New Membership Class – “Enterprise Member”
- Rename “Add-In Provider” Membership to “Solutions Member”
- Fix errors in current Bylaws

Establish the membership model to serve Eclipse for the next Five + years!
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- Fixed error in current Bylaws referring to deadline of “Action Without Meeting”.
  - Reason: The deadline for voting on an “Action Without Meeting” is defined to be “2 weeks from the date of the meeting”. This will be redefined as “2 weeks from the date of distribution of such balloting materials.”

- Fixed error in current Bylaws referring to “simple majority” method of collapsing of the ballots cast by committers who work for the same member company.
  - Reason: The Board representatives are elected by “Single Transferrable Vote” process and therefore the collapsing of ballots must also be done by “Single Transferrable Vote”.

- The number of available elected Board seats will be determined as of Feb. 1 of each year and elected directors will have a fixed term of April 1 to March 31, rather than being based on the date of the “Annual General Meeting” (AGM).
  - Reason: AGM is not a fixed date and moves based on EclipseCon conference dates.
UPDATE ADD-IN PROVIDER MEMBERSHIP
Better Define Add-In Provider Membership

- Rename “Add-In Provider Member” to “Solutions Member”
- Solutions Membership still intended for organizations with Commercial Offerings on/with Eclipse Technology
NEW MEMBERSHIP CLASS:
ENTERPRISE MEMBERSHIP
Enterprise Member

- Mid-tier Membership between AIP and Strategic.
  - No requirement for committers
  - No requirement for commercial offering
  - Flat fee of $125,000.
Enterprise Membership In Eclipse Foundation

- Benefits:
  - Intellectual Property Transparency
  - Model for Enterprises to Participate In Open Source
  - Investment protection
  - Supporting the IP and IT infrastructure
  - Brand association with enterprise developers
  - Signaling in the market
    - To both suppliers and customers
  - Influence and control
    - At the board level
    - At the project level
    - Your IT Suppliers
If you are interested in leaning more about becoming an Enterprise Member, please contact membership at eclipse dot org!
SUMMARY OF MEMBERSHIP MODEL
Eclipse Foundation Organizational Membership
July, 2008

Strategic Members
- Strategic Developers
- Strategic Consumers

Sustaining Members
- Enterprise Members
- Solutions Members

Supporting Members
- Associate Members
- Committer Members
Thank you!

Questions?
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