Spec Committee Meeting Minutes May 8th, 2019

Attendees (present in **bold**):
Kenji Kazumura - Fujitsu, Michael DeNicola
Dan Bandera - IBM, **Kevin Sutter**, Alasdair Nottingham, BJ Hargrave
Bill Shannon - Oracle, **Ed Bratt**, **Dmitry Kornilov**, Jim Wright, Will Lyons
Steve Millidge - Payara, Arjan Tijms
Scott Stark - Red Hat, Mark Little, Antoine Sabot-Durand
David Blevins - Tomitribe, **Richard Monson-Haefel**, Jean-Louis Monterio
Ivar Grimstad - PMC Representative
Alex Theedom - Participant Member
Werner Keil - Committer Member

Eclipse Foundation: **Wayne Beaton**, **Tanja Obradovic**, **Paul Buck**, Mike Milinkovich

Past business / action items
- Approval of Meeting min May 1st
- Kevin moves to approve; Ivar seconds. No objections. Motion carried.

Debrief on Community Update Call
- Richard: last question “will Oracle continue to evolve the javax namespace?” There is some confusion in the community. We must communicate that the answer is that Oracle will not evolve the contributed specifications separately from Jakarta EE. Anything else is really up to Oracle and the JCP.
- Good feedback, we need to encourage participants to engage more frequently on other existing channels (e.g. mailing lists).
- Concern over compatibility support. Stated by Mike and David that compatibility is a priority to the community.
- Thank you to David for putting the presentation together and shaping the discussion. Mike was “pretty good”.

Moving forward without the javax namespace
- Status of Javax thread on Platform list
  - “Healthy and active”. Variety of opinions on how to move forward.
  - David has started to summarize evolving consensus (GitHub).
  - Question: is David keeping track of numbers?
    - “Informative instead of definitive”
  - Do you think overall that the audience understands the issues?
    - Clarifying questions seem to indicate yes.
    - Does the next version of the platform have to provide backwards compatibility? Source code vs. binary compatibility? What do we really mean by compatibility? Scott will start this discussion.
- Link to the latest email / document

Jakarta EE 8 release

- Jakarta EE 8 release plan - Ed Bratt
  - Update the operations document with content from Ed's document.
  - Wayne will walk the first round of projects through the process of converting existing projects into specification projects. As part of this, Wayne will generate a step-by-step guide to assist project teams with understanding the process. Note that this is a one-time/unique process, and that the guide will be crafted with this in mind.
  - The EMO cannot manage either the creation or the ongoing application of TCK processes; this is the responsibility of the specification committee. Either the specification committee or PMC will be required to take responsibility for determining whether or not the requirements of the TCK have been fulfilled as part of their approval process.
  - TCK Processes should be integrated into the operations document.
  - Suggestion: create a committee to sort out the TCK processes and related issues. We need to move on this quickly and the weekly cadence isn't enough.
  - Scott volunteered to help with the development TCK processes (this effort is currently being led by David).
  - Wayne volunteered to produce a list of names of project leads so that company representatives can identify them and chase them down to engage in the process. Bill scraped data from the website and posted it in the meantime (so Wayne considers this action item complete).
  - The Jakarta Batch project is ready to push forward.
  - Wayne suggested that having the specification document at the Eclipse Foundation is the minimum bar for the four specifications not currently hosting resources with us.
    - Is anybody tracking what we're doing with the dependency injection specification? Paul will sort this out.
    - Scott will investigate options for the Red Hat specifications.