2017-08-29 - Fedora Leadership Group Meeting

Time/Place

- Time: 11:30am Eastern Daylight Time US (UTC-4)
- Dial-in Number: (712) 775-7035
  - Participant Code: 479307#
- International numbers: Conference Call Information

Attendees

- Chris Awre
- Doug Blair
- Ginny Boyer
- Robert Carlileane
- Aaron Choate
- Sayeed Choudhury
- Stefano Cossu
- Tom Cramer
- Joanna DiPasquale
- Jon Dunn
- Karen Estlund
- Declan Fleming
- Maude Francis
- Mike Giarlo
- Neil Jefferies
- Debra Kurtz
- Susan Lafferty
- Steve Marks
- Rosalyn Metz
- Tom Murphy
- Este Pope
- Nick Ruest
- Robin Ruggaber
- Tim Shearer
- Jon Stroop
- Jennifer Vinopal
- Evviva Weinraub
- Jared Whiklo
- David Wilcox
- Andrew Woods
- Maurice York
- Jim Tuttle

Agenda

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<td><strong>Strategic plan draft</strong></td>
<td>Stefano</td>
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<td>1. Finalize list of stakeholders</td>
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<td>2. Gather feedback so far</td>
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<td>3. Decide whether to have a separate vision and strategic plan or both in the same document</td>
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<td><strong>Code of Conduct</strong>, suggestions for moving forward:</td>
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<td>1. the Fedora Project adopt the DuraSpace COC, almost verbatim, and</td>
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<td>a. the one change being sending notifications to a Fedora-specific CoC</td>
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<td>2. that Fedora establish a CoC committee to field such issues, including</td>
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<td>a. membership &amp; rotation</td>
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<td>c. alternative paths for handling issues if a member of the CoC committee is implicated in an incident</td>
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<td><strong>4.7 as long-term-support (LTS) release</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Samvera / Fedora technical alignment discussions</strong></td>
<td>Michael J. Giarlo (or Andrew, if Giarlo is out)</td>
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<td><strong>Successful Texas/Oklahoma Fedora User Group meeting last week</strong></td>
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Fedora at the IFLA WLIC last week

- Two conference papers published
- Fedora and Digital Preservation presentation
- Stewarding Research Data with Fedora presentation

Roundtable

Previous Actions

Minutes

- Stefano due to take over as chair September 1.
- 1) Strategic Plan
  - Draft is https://docs.google.com/document/d/12Nu5mFFqTrUg5j4MpuNzTVtqaVwEApqfQVGo0y3SxRw/edit#
  - Came from a discussion at OR about long-term vision for Fedora
  - SC: does Inward Facing | Target Audience address this?
  - Maybe, but it doesn't help answer questions about concrete decisions in development direction.
  - Would be really useful for this to be the canonical version of the Fedora Elevator Speech
  - Could we discuss this fruitfully at CNI, with an eye toward presenting it at the next CNI?
  - How much is this a Strategic Directions document vs. a Strategic Plan?
  - Stefano will send out a Doodle poll to schedule a meeting of the stakeholders group.
- 2) Code of Conduct
  - Recap: General support for Duraspace CoC but changing notification to Fedora specific group. Some policy documentation - e.g. membership, process, issue handling paths - needed.
  - Need to formalize this group before the latter work can begin.
  - Folks who are interested in participating should contact Rosalyn.
- 3) 4.7 as LTS release
  - Is there agreement that selecting certain versions of Fedora as LTS releases is a good thing?
  - Does this include upstream developments - e.g. new versions of Modeshape?
  - AW: There's a bit of discussion to be had here. Another example of this issue is Java version.
  - Important that the statement of what the LTS provides is API stability.
  - Do we have an idea of the adoption rate?
  - refer to Fedora 4 deployments page on the wiki
  - What are the implications for other non-LTS versions of Fedora?
    - There exists a policy of support for major releases, incl. critical bug fixes.
    - not release more than 1 major release/year
    - critical fixes to latest major release
  - Does the creation of LTS carry certain expectations about ease of migration?
  - Why 4.7 as candidate for LTS?
    - two upcoming dev sprints to align core functionality with API specs
    - Developments in upstream applications necessitate premature (i.e. less than 3 years) change to the LTS
    - General support for this idea, if taking into account the above issues.
    - AW will bring back to LG before this goes more public.
- 4) Samvera/Fedora technical alignment discussions
  - Discussion spawned by OR2017 conversation re: Valkyrie - a new, proof-of-concept component that will allow Samvera-basd applications to more easily swap out persistence back-ends for metadata and files. Provides Samvera community flexibility, so folks can use the back-end that best fits their needs in a way that does not preclude a shared UI. In the Fedora Leadership context, this means that Samvera applications could be based on a back-end other than Fedora.
    - Held two calls between Samvera community, Fedora API editors, and Islandora Tech Lead two weeks ago and ultimately decided on the following next steps
      - Begin specifying query requirements in a sidecar Fedora API Specification
      - Put cycles towards Modeshape implementing the Fedora API Specification
      - Put cycles towards Cavendish implementing the Fedora API Specification, and other bits Samvera would need from Cavendish
      - Continue Valkyrizing Hyrax
      - Create Valkyrie adapter that relies on the Fedora API Specification (including the query sidecar)
    - There are pressures from institutions to switch to different backends for performance reasons, even if it's a short-term change while work on performance in Fedora implementations continues.
    - How do things depend then?
      - Hard to say now because it's early days. It seems reasonable to say that some Samvera applications will depend on Fedora and some won't.
      - Note that much upcoming Samvera work is Fedora-centric, so this is a commitment to Fedora but allows Samvera users flexibility in how to persist their backend data stores.
    - General agreement that this conversation should continue here.
      - Will be a continuing topic for next call.
- 5 & 6) Everything went great!
Adjourned at 12:31pm.

Actions