

2021-12-06 - Fedora Leadership Group Meeting

Time/Place

Time: 11:00am Eastern Time (US)

Please see the calendar invite for the Zoom link.

Attendees

1. [Laurie Gemmill Arp](#)
2. ~~Chris Awre~~
3. [Thomas Bernhart](#) ★
4. [Danny Bernstein](#)
5. ~~Dan Coughlin~~
6. [Jon Dunn](#)
7. Jennifer Gilbert
8. ~~Emily Gere~~
9. [Arran Griffith](#)
10. ~~Mark Jordan~~
11. Rosalyn Metz
12. ~~Robert Miller~~
13. [Este Pope](#)
14. [Scott Prater](#)
15. ~~Robin Ruggaber~~
16. [Oliver Schöner](#)
17. [Timothy Shearer](#)
18. ~~Jennifer Vinopal~~
19. [Kate Dohe](#)
20. [Heather Greer Klein](#)
21. [Stacey Erdman](#)
22. Jakov Veži

(★) Indicates Note Taker

Agenda

Topic	Time	Lead
Welcome	5 mins	Arran
Orientation Session A welcome and orientation to Fedora Governance. <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Brief history of Fedora• Introduction to LYRASIS as our organizational home• Commitment and responsibilities• Current affairs Goal: Provide a general overview of Fedora Governance and bring new/returning members up to speed on current topics of discussion.	40 mins	Arran Tim Este Laurie
Technology Update A brief update on the status of Fedora 6.1 + details on the Camel Toolbox	15 mins	Danny
Break (10 mins)	10 mins	
Governance Model Considerations We will present the status of each level of Fedora Governance to assess effectiveness of meeting frequency and participation availability. Goal: Discussion of the roles of both Governance groups, and seek agreement on proposals for change.	15 mins	Arran
Strategic Planning Sub-Committee Provide an outline of the commitment and proposed objectives of the Strategic Planning Sub-Committee. Goal: Identify members of Governance interested in joining the sub-committee and begin planning for meetings in January.	40 mins	Tim Este

Previous Action Items

Notes

Orientation Session

Brief history of Fedora [Timothy Shearer](#)

- Late 90s: discussion about how a Repository System might look
- 2001 formation of Fedora project
- 2008 Fedora 3 was released: relatively stable, stored objects and their relationships on disk (key selling point)
- 2014 Fedora 4 was released: transition from XML to describe object to RDF; entirely new infrastructure (Modeshape); created some challenges to migrate from Fedora 3 to Fedora 4
- 2021 Fedora 6 was released: introduction of OCFL to store all repository data on disk once again

Introduction to LYRASIS as our organizational home [Laurie Gemmill Arp](#)

Started back in 1936

1590+ member organizations

Projects:

- ArchivesSpace
- CollectionSpace
- Fedora Commons
- VIVO
- DSpace
- The Palace Project

Work of Lyrasis:

- Business infrastructure
- Financial management
- Program infrastructure
- Membership management
- HR and staffing

Commitment and responsibilities [Arran Griffith](#)

- Fedora Governance Model: [Roles and Responsibilities](#)
- Meetings: typically once per quarter
- Important communication channels:
 - Google mailing list
 - Leaders Slack channel
- One of the most important role of Leadership Group members: **advocate for Fedora 6**

Current affairs [Este Pope](#)

- Decline in some of the larger memberships recently
- But also new organizations becoming members
- Important for the nearer future of Fedora:
 - Increase adoption of Fedora 6 (bring existing Fedora 3/4/5 users to Fedora 6, bring in new users)
 - Modernize organizational structures for the Fedora project, modernize membership model
 - Other revenue sources?
 - Find people for open positions:
 - Product management
 - Technical lead

Governance Model Considerations [Arran Griffith](#)

Leadership group: 14 members currently (based on the number of project members)

Steering group: fixed at 9 members (all part of the Leadership group as well, because steering members are voted out of leadership group members)

Membership levels: <https://www.lyrasis.org/membership/Pages/duraspace-membership.aspx>

Items to discuss:

- Alternative organizational models (big overlap between the two groups):
Suggestions:
 - reduce number of members in steering
 - merge steering and leadership
 - combine leadership group meetings with the leaders/committers call

Technology Update **Danny Bernstein**

New Fedora releases:

- 6.1.0: [Fedora 6.1.0 Release Notes](#)
 - Performance improvements
 - Bugfixes
- Camel Toolbox: <https://github.com/fcrepo-exts/fcrepo-camel-toolbox/releases/tag/fcrepo-camel-toolbox-6.0.0>
 - Compatible with Fedora 6.x
 - Easier deployment (no longer requires OSGI runtime like Karaf)
 - Docker Image
 - Docker Compose setup (includes Fedora 6, Camel Toolbox, Solr Search Index and Fuseki SPARQL Endpoint)
 - Integration of HTTP service
- Migration Utilities: <https://github.com/fcrepo-exts/migration-utils/releases/tag/migration-utils-6.1.0>
- Migration Validator: <https://github.com/fcrepo-exts/fcrepo-migration-validator/releases/tag/fcrepo-migration-validator-1.1.0>

What's next?

- Survey about future development of Fedora: <https://forms.gle/48rR9R6Zt1294qgC9>
- Deal with issues with auto-versioning (support for squashing versions)

Strategic Planning Sub-Committee **Este Pope Timothy Shearer**

Current subgroups:

- [Communication Outreach Marketing and Community Sub-Group](#)
- [Governance and Business Model Subgroup](#)
- [Product Position Subgroup](#)
- [Product Technology Subgroup](#)

Those were all paused to focus work on the **Planning Sub-Committee**.

- 5-6 meetings, about 1 hour, January - March 2022
- **Outcomes: Report with recommendations for focus of Fedora Project for next 18 months**
 - Technology roadmap
 - Membership models
 - Engagement of users
- Key questions:
 - How to we fund Fedora?
 - How do we bring everybody up to Fedora 6?
- **Goal: Gather group members till christmas**
- Interested people from leadership group:
 - [Kate Dohe](#)
 - Jakov Veži
 - [Heather Greer Klein](#)
 - [Thomas Bernhart](#)

Action Items