2016-10-25 - 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

- Julie Allinson
- Chris Awre
- ~~Carolyn Caizzi (for Evviva Weinraub)~~
- ~~Robert Cartolano~~
- ~~Aaron Choate~~
- Stefano Cossu
- Dan Coughlin
- ~~Tom Cramer~~
- Jon Dunn (notetaker)
- Declan Fleming
- Maude Francis
- Mike Giarlo
- Wolfram Horstmann
- ~~Neil Jefferies~~
- Debra Kurtz
- Susan Lafferty
- Jonathan Markow
- Steve Marks
- Tom Murphy
- Sandy Payette
- Matthias Razum
- ~~Robin Lindley Ruggaber~~
- Dan Santamaria
- ~~Jon Stroop~~
- Jim Tuttle
- Keith Webster
- ~~Evviva Weinraub~~
- David Wilcox
- Andrew Woods
- Maurice York ⭐

Agenda

Topic	Lead	Notes
Preservation statement - Ready to distribute to the community pending any final comments	David	
Semantic versioning and release schedule - Moving to semantic versioning and managing the change	Andrew	
Fedora and Modeshape	Andrew / Stefano	
Membership update and final push - Projecting $562,250 in funding, only $17,750 short of annual goal ($580,000) - Please help reach out to new member prospects	David	
Fedora Camp NYC - 16 registrants so far - Camp starts in about a month	David	
CNI Meeting	David	

Fedora's upcoming 20th anniversary		
○ How should we celebrate with the community?		

Previous Actions

None mentioned.

Minutes

1. Preservation statement (David)

   - Ready to distribute to the community pending any final comments
   - Short 2-pager explaining what Fedora provides for digital preservation; followup document will contain more detail. Suggest adding to website; send out to mailing list for further community feedback.
   - Susan: Suggest adding definition of *fixity*
     - ACTION: Susan will add footnote
   - Dan: Not clear why fixity is listed as both a current feature and upcoming feature
     - David: Future refers to potential enhancements related to fixity - may want to clarify language
   - Next steps for getting it out?
     - Send out email that includes context about how/why this document was created
     - Who should send? Leadership Group chair (Declan)
       - ACTION: David will follow up with Declan
   - Stefano: Where should it go on the website?
     - David suggests under Features heading, but may need spot to consolidate documents like this (under Resources?)

2. Semantic versioning and release schedule (Andrew)

   - Moving to semantic versioning and managing the change
   - Two parts to this issue:
     1. Move to strict semantic versioning - seems to be consensus around this
        a. Main reason we have not moved is "Fedora 4" branding, so need to be careful about this change
     2. Decide on frequency and nature of releases
        a. Limit number of major releases (i.e. releases that change API in a way that's not backward compatible or require significant backend upgrades)
        b. Consensus seems to be *no more than* one major release per year (and only when necessary, so could be less than once per year)
   - Julie: Don't let PR issues stop us from moving forward with semantic versioning
   - Jonathan: Need to move away from the Fedora 4 brand
   - Find examples of other products that have undergone similar transitions
     - Stefano: Chrome, Firefox?
     - Are there other open source examples?
   - Need to keep in mind people who only follow Fedora casually (i.e. not on mailing lists)
   - Andrew: Suggest trying to finish up API spec this calendar year then spend following 6 months (first half 2017) to align Fedora implementation with API spec -> Fedora 5.0
   - Start planning messaging strategy in future calls or meeting at CNI

3. Fedora and Modeshape (Andrew/Stefano)

   - Suggestion arose on list to replace Fedora backend with something other than Modeshape
   - Aaron Coburn (Amherst) working in codebase to better separate generic Fedora functionality from Modeshape-specific code
   - Fedora API spec allows for alternative implementations of Fedora, e.g. Ben Armintor Cavendish proof-of-concept (mainly for sanity testing of API spec)
   - Schedule F2F meetings after API spec release to discuss designs?
   - Risk of splintering community or affecting reputation?
     - Need to do whatever we can to make sure people in community who might have issues bring those issues to the community to be addressed
   - Some tension from those coming into repository community from Ruby on Rails background but not library or Java background
     - Get Hydra Architecture Working Group more involved?
   - Next steps?

4. Membership update and final push (David)

   - Projecting $562,250 in funding, only $17,750 short of annual goal ($580,000)
   - ACTION: All- Please help reach out to new member prospects
   - Let David know if he can help in terms of template letters, etc.

5. Fedora Camp NYC (David)

   - 16 registrants so far

- Camp starts in about a month
- Need a few more in order to break even

6. CNI Meeting (David)

- Agenda filling out
- ACTION: David will add topic on semantic versioning / Fedora brand messaging

7. Fedora's upcoming 20th anniversary (David)

- 20th anniversary of initial paper
- How should we celebrate with the community?
- Send ideas to mailing list

Actions