

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 Ewiva 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 Streop~~
- Jim Tuttle
- Keith Webster
- ~~Ewiva 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