

Java Community Process Executive Committees Meeting

Meeting Summary

April 19, 2005
Teleconference Meeting

Attendance

PMO

Aaron Williams
Onno Kluyt
Harold Ogle
Liz Kiener
Jonathan Nimer

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Ericsson Mobile Platforms - Angana Ghosh
IBM - David Girle
Intel - Eric Dittert
Matsushita - Deanna Wilkes-Gibbs
Motorola - James Warden
Nokia - Dietmar Tallroth
NTT DoCoMo: Yamada Kazuhiro
Orange France: Paul Amery, Thomas Vergouwen
Philips - Jon Piesing
RIM - Nobu Yoda
Samsung - Ho An
Siemens - Marquart Franz, Birgit Kreller
Sony-Ericsson - not present
Sun - Danny Coward, Tim Lindholm
Symbian - Jonathan Allin, Stuart John
Vodafone - not present

SE/EE

Apache – Geir Magnusson

Apple – Dave Michael

BEA – not present

Borland – not present

Fujitsu - Mike DeNicola

Google: Josh Bloch

HP – DJ Powers

IBM - Mark Thomas

IONA - Steve Vinoski

Intel – Wayne Carr, Tony Baker

JBoss – Sascha Labourey

Doug Lea – Doug Lea

Nortel Networks – Bill Bourne

Oracle – Don Deutsch, Glen Foster

SAP – Michael Bechauf

Sun - Graham Hamilton, Peter Walker

Agenda

- PMO Report
- Individuals and the JSPA Legal Discussion

PMO Report

The PMO presented its usual general information and statistics to the EC Members. EC Members were provided with details for the May face-to-face meeting in France (hosted by Orange France), and the date and location of the September face-to-face meeting in Tokyo (hosted by NTT DoCoMo). As in previous years, the PMO is offering each EC Member one free full-conference pass to JavaOne. EC Members were reminded to email the PMO with who will use that pass.

Individuals and the JSPA Legal Discussion

Jonathan Nimer (the legal advisor of the PMO) joined the meeting to provide his perspectives on the risks involved in individual participation, and to help the ECs answer the question of whether those risks were particularly dangerous. Jonathan broke the discussion into the three kinds of IP that are part of the JCP – copyright, trade secrets, and patents. He focused on the potential concerns of each type of IP, and provided EC Members with his perspective on how the JCP and the JSPA handled each of these types for individuals now.

Jonathan next presented the current model for mitigating risks of individuals, explaining how the PMO currently requires all individuals to submit Exhibit B from the IEPA. Jonathan presented his interpretation that this document serves two purposes. First, it acknowledges that the employee is working within the JCP, and second, it waives the employer's interest in the contributions of the employee. A couple EC Members asked for clarification on this, and Jonathan confirmed his interpretation that Exhibit B waives the employer's interest in the contributions of the employee, even if those contributions are owned by the employer. Jonathan expressed his willingness to edit Exhibit B, if EC Members felt it was unclear.

Jonathan summarized that he does not see individuals as a major risk, and that he was unaware of any situation where an employer has taken exception to IP contributions to the JCP. Jonathan finished by suggesting that the ECs focus on clarifying the language of Exhibit B,

and encouraging SLs to consider the source of IP contributions before accepting them.

EC Members expressed interest in seeing this issue resolved, and the PMO restated its commitment to bring solutions for a vote at the next ECs meeting in May.