



# Eclipse Foundation Bylaws 2011

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# History and Motivation



- The Eclipse Foundation has been in existence for seven years
- Most of the ideas that went into the original Bylaws have worked well and have stood the test of time. A few have not.
- Let's tidy up the Bylaws to ensure that they reflect current practices

# Timeline



- March
  - Present to Board and to Membership-at-Large
  - Provide access to proposed revisions to allow for Members to do legal review
- June
  - Vote of the Board
- July
  - Vote of the Membership-at-Large

# Highlights



- Replace the annual Roadmap with an annual community report
- Eliminate the Membership Committee. Make the IP Advisory Committee a Standing Committee
- Delete the Requirements Council
- Put the Architecture Council in charge of future revisions of the Eclipse Development Process
- Delete the requirement for there to be a ratio of Strategic Consumers to Strategic Developers
- Remove the requirement that the AGM be in Q1
- Allow for flexibility in covering expenses
- Sustaining Member board reps need to be a Sustaining Member

# Roadmap



- Motivation:
  - The Eclipse Roadmap is produced annually, at significant effort to projects and staff
  - Very few people find it valuable
- Action:
  - Replace it with an Annual Community Report written by the Eclipse staff outlining significant events and goals for the future
  - Projects will still have to produce plans!!

# Membership Committee



- Motivation
  - The Membership Committee is one of three Standing Committees as per the Bylaws
  - The Membership Committee’s original intent has largely been replaced by the recruiting efforts of full-time staff
- Action
  - Replace the Membership Committee which meets rarely with the IP Advisory Committee which is active and fulfills an important role

# Requirements Council



- Motivation
  - Originally intended to gather Strategic Member requirements for the Eclipse project community, the Requirements Council is effectively moribund
- Action
  - Remove the Requirements Council

# Architecture Council



- Motivation
  - The Architecture Council was originally intended to annually create an architecture document which spanned the breadth of Eclipse, and to manage architectural evolution
  - That quickly became impossible as Eclipse grew
  - The AC has found an important role in mentoring and setting development policies
- Action
  - Put the AC in charge of future evolution of the Eclipse Development Process



# Strategic Members



- Motivation
  - There is a provision in the Bylaws which requires a ratio between Strategic Developer and Consumer Members
  - Originally intended to ensure balance between SDs and SCs
- Action
  - Remove this requirement

# Annual General Meeting



- Motivation
  - Currently there is a requirement that the AGM be in Q1
  - This effectively constrains when we can hold EclipseCon
- Action
  - Remove this requirement

# Expenses



- Motivation
  - Currently, the Bylaws prevent the Foundation from covering any expenses for any Members
  - This includes Committer Members
- Action
  - Allow more flexibility for the Board to implement policies to cover some expenses

# Sustaining Members



- Motivation
  - Currently the Bylaws allow a Committer Member to run for a Sustaining Member seat on the Board
  - No one remembers why this was put there
- Action
  - Remove this
  - Only employees, etc. of Sustaining Members may run for those seats