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# Open Source in the Enterprise

Report from  
Washington meeting, October 21st

# Actual agenda

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- ❑ Participants were few, all from suppliers and familiar with the project
- ❑ Brief report on conferences in Minneapolis and London, future regional conferences, guide books
- ❑ Fruitful discussion of the strategy's implementation

# Implementation steps:

## Inner Source

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- ❑ There are successful examples for this in existence
- ❑ Proposal: Set up a half-day session presenting and discussing examples
- ❑ Goals:
  - Spread the best practice
  - Potential to build a community for sharing best practices
- ❑ This should create strong interest by believers and critics

# Implementation steps:

## Engaging Open Source communities

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- ❑ Disseminate documents and deliverables for comment and input.
- ❑ Proposal: Spread the word about member activities in the OS community
- ❑ Goals:  
Increased awareness and support for programs from The Open Group membership

# Implementation steps:

## Open Source SW licensing

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- ❑ Interesting, diverse and partially too controversial for making progress
- ❑ Proposal: Define a project to group licenses by degree of compatibility
- ❑ Goals:
  - Simplify life for new initiatives who need to select a licensing regime
  - Motivate some convergence of licenses
- ❑ This could be very valuable for adoption of Open Source

# Implementation steps: Standards and Certification

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- ❑ An area of confusion
- ❑ Proposal: Develop clarifying documents and presentations
- ❑ Goals:
  - Publish a set of accepted definitions for standards, implementations
  - Describe the motives for certification
- ❑ Removes ambiguities and misunderstandings, and promotes use of Certification

# Implementation steps:

## Fulfill Business Requirements

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- ❑ This area is plagued by misinformation and fear
- ❑ Proposal: Develop case studies, guides
- ❑ Goals:
  - Remove FUD
  - Help adoption of Open Source in the right situations
- ❑ This is particularly relevant in Enterprises

# Regional Conferences

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- ❑ These are intended to move towards smaller regional Conferences with less support by Open Group staff
- ❑ Intent is to use local language materials
- ❑ Supplier Council members likely to take the lead
- ❑ Intent is to develop re-useable templates for organization, agenda
- ❑ Locations under discussion: Germany, Boston, Tokyo



# San Diego

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- ❑ Investigate feasibility of a sequence of stand-alone Open Source sessions, e.g.:
  - Inner Source
  - Open Standards, Open Source, Certification
  - Grouping of licenses
  - Applying concept and code of Pegasus to appliances (wireless, cell, routers, print, ...)
- ❑ This will draw different audiences, with some overlap
- ❑ Proceedings could be of wide interest