

HL7 FHIR Foundation Board Call
Sunday, September 10, 2017
3:30 PM PT
Aventine F Room
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Participants: Stan Huff, MD; Chuck Jaffe, MD, PhD; Grahame Grieve; Ed Hammond; Viet Nguyen; Ewout Kramer; Todd Cooper; Dave Shaver; Karen Van Hentenryck (scribe)

Regrets: Wayne Kubick, Russ Leftwich, Micky Tripathi, Pat Van Dyke

Agenda

- 1. Roll call/agenda review** – Huff called the meeting to order at 3:40 pm PT. Grieve asks to add an agenda item related to holding FHIR Foundation meetings during the WGMs. Cooper will give a brief update on the Olympics.
- 2. Approval of the minutes from the August 8 call** – **MOTION** by Hammond: To accept the minutes; seconded by Grieve. The motion carried unanimously.
- 3. Discussion about corporate membership and member value** – Nguyen reminded the group that he and Kubick suggested a tiered membership fees:
 - Tiered Membership fees
 - 1-9 members – Individual member Price (\$250/Year)
 - 10-49 = 10% discount on Individual Member Price (\$225/pm/py)
 - 50-100 = 20% discount on Individual Member Price (\$200/pm/py)
 - Corporate Benefits
 - Discounted (10-20% based on tier)
 - Training
 - Certification Testing
 - FHIR-F Sponsored conferences/connectathons
 - Suggested by Ed: Influencing the direction of the Foundation (Contributing to FHIR-F governance)
 - Early access to FHIR artifacts and tools
 - Access to post and review postings on job board (match-making)
 - LinkedIn-like badges for members who are FHIR Certified
 - Questions for Discussion:
 - Additional inaugural year discount – 10% at all levels (after tier discounts. Acknowledges that first year offerings are being developed.
 - Year 2 renewal discount – 10% at all levels – appreciation of inaugural members
 - Combining discounts with HL7 membership
 - Avoid drawing members away from HL7 and encourage participation in HL7
 - When to initiate memberships? Sooner is better

- Time period for inaugural discount? 6 months 12 months?
- FHIR-F Outreach Approach
 - Focus on smaller vendors first
 - Encourage commercial/federal orgs to seek FHIR-Certified services

Discussion:

- Jaffe suggested requiring HL7 membership to be an HL7-F member.
- Cooper suggested a discounted FHIR Foundation for HL7 members
- Jaffe feels you can't be part of the development of the standard without being a member.
- Hammond also noted that there are people who want to influence the development of the standard but don't want to sit around writing standards. Influencing the standard is an indirect benefit of being a member of the FHIR-Foundation.
- Shaver feels discounts are not worth it to corporate members. Being a founding member is attractive. Make it clear that to be a member of the community involves being an HL7 member and a FHIR Foundation member. He thinks we should provide information about whether vendors are good members off the HL7 community. Who verifies certification?
- Grieve feels the creators of the IGs are responsible for verifying compliance. Verifying conformance to IG seems the right level.
- Shaver noted a social expectation for implementing FHIR today is to attend the FHIR Connectathon or participate in group events around FHIR. Come up with other social norms and add FHIR-Foundation membership to that list.
- Grieve feels that we need to be clear about what FHIR-F membership is not before opening corporate membership. If you offer professional services such as consulting or helping people build systems, you should be a member of HL7 FHIR-Foundation. We will discuss at the next meeting.
- Decision: Price to be \$500 for individual FHIR Foundation Founding pioneer. If you are an HL7 member, you get a discount. Dividing line between conformance for HL7 and Foundation: if it is around conformance to the standard, it is HL7. If it is an IG, it is the IG developer determines conformance.

4. **Roll out of membership** – Grieve reported that as of now, people can join the FHIR-Foundation. If you go to FHIR-org today there is a page for registering as a member. There are three new sets of content on the FHIR Foundation website. Grieve demonstrated how membership works and showed the new content on the FHIR.org site. **MOTION**: FHIR-Foundation Founders membership (individual member) will be offered at the discounted price of \$250 through calendar year 2018.
5. **FHIR Foundation meeting during the HL7 WGM** – Grieve noted that AID decided to dissolve and give the post-connectathon meeting to the Foundation. This enables us to hold an implementers meeting at the end of the connectathon. We need to identify what we'd like to accomplish at that meeting. Grieve will develop a purpose and bring it back for this group for consideration. Jaffe suggests that we ask a couple of the connectathon participants to present what they are working on. Rename it the FHIR Foundation Implementers Townhall meeting. The group agreed this is a good idea. **ACTION ITEM**: Grieve will bring back a more structured proposal for the group to

consider.

6. Agenda for joint meeting with the HL7 board (Sept 7 at WGM in San Diego) – Huff – The group reviewed the Questions for Discussion distributed by Kubick:

- Talk about difference between HL7 and the HL7 FHIR Foundation. Have Grahame and Wayne talk about the differences. HL7 standards will be published on HL7.org not on FHIR.org. FHIR.org is about implementation, publishing of IGs, FHIR repository, etc.
- How can FHIR-F help HL7 improve its financial standing and sustainability – while not eroding HL7 membership
- What else does HL7 need to do to support FHIRF? What plans does FHIR-F have to provide “project support” beyond what HL7 is doing?
- What fhir.org activities currently provided by HL7 should be transitioned to FHIR-F? Which need HL7 support? Are there FHIR-F functions that should really be managed through HL7?
- What FHIR-related education remains with HL7? What moves? And when? What can be done to bring more education-related benefits to both HL7 and FHIR-F?
- What does it mean to transition Argonaut to FHIR-F? When?
- Will FHIR-F reimburse for using HL7 services in the future?
- What will be the relative roles with respect to conformance testing?
- Professional certification type of activities

The goal of this meeting is to determine how the logistics will work between the two organizations.

7. Updates (15 minutes)

- Registry update – Kramer reported the registry is up and Grieve was able to demonstrate it last week. They continue to make improvements to it. They also integrated Simplifier. Anything loaded to the FHIR.org registry will be in Simplifier.
- PCHA liaison agreement – Cooper reported that one of their Board members is coming on Thursday afternoon and we hope to hammer out the terms of the agreement at that time.
- Olympics – They are completing the start up phase in October. They have created a foundation and there will be an opportunity for the FHIR Foundation to join. The biggest advocate at this point is Alibaba. The next three Olympics are in Asia.

8. Housekeeping

- Next meeting – Van Hentenryck will send out a Doodle poll for a call in approximately 3 weeks.
- Agenda items for next call
 - Continued discussion of org memberships
 - Proposal for FHIR Foundation Implementers Town Hall meeting
 - Any issues raised at the joint HL7 Board and HL7 FHIR Foundation Board meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 5:23 pm.