Agenda

- About the Consortium
- Goals and Activities
- Structure, Governance and Operations
- Membership
- Status
What is CalConnect?

- **A Partnership**
  - Between Calendaring & Scheduling Vendors and Customers

- **Mission**
  - To provide a general understanding of, promote, and provide mechanisms so that Calendaring and Scheduling methodologies, tools and applications can enter the mainstream of computing

- **Not a standards development organization**
  - Promotes development and adoption of standards
  - Influence SDOs and vendors
Why a Consortium?

- A focused environment to
  - Re-energize Calendaring and Scheduling
  - Provide a forum to discuss the direction for standards and implementations
  - Validate the existing standards
  - Provide interoperability testing
  - Drive requirements for changes to existing standards, new and complementary standards back into IETF, other bodies
  - Promote standards and technologies to the vendor and user communities
How did it evolve?

- **2003**: Operational framework completed
- **2004**: Formal public launch
- **2005**: First Member Roundtable and Interop events

Pat Egen, then co-chair of IETF CALSCH, saw the need

Dave Thewlis recruited to launch Consortium concept and become Executive Director

Open Roundtable achieves critical membership mass and sets technical work program

Member recruitment begins
Goals of the Consortium

- Promote Calendaring & Scheduling
- Help drive the evolution of open standards for Calendaring & Scheduling (iCalendar, iMIP, iTIP, CalDAV)
- Conduct interoperability testing
- Collegial partnership between all members to achieve Consortium mission and goals
- Develop a shared vision for the Calendaring & Scheduling community
Goals and Activities of the Consortium

- **Promote Calendaring and Scheduling**
  - Press releases
  - Media publications
  - Trade shows
  - Op ed pieces, articles and white papers
  - Trade shows and speaking opportunities
  - Regular Roundtables for members

- **Promote Interoperability**
  - Interoperability testing and certification

- **Promote Standards and Implementations**
  - Promote design and deployment of standards and implementations

- **Promote Collaboration among Members**
  - Support common goals of members

- **Develop a Shared Vision for the Calendaring and Scheduling Community**
Goals and Activities of the Consortium

- Promote Calendaring and Scheduling
- Interoperability testing and certification
- Periodic interoperability testing events
- Promotional events and publicity to announce successful completion of testing
- Analyze results and report findings to IETF or other relevant standards bodies on correctness and completeness of standards
- Develop and implement independent test suites for interoperability conformance tests
- Potential to eventually certify applications for interoperability and conformance to Calendaring & Scheduling standards
Goals and Activities of the Consortium

- Promote Calendaring and Scheduling
- Interoperability testing and certification
- Promote design and deployment of standards and implementations
  - Feedback on existing standards on correctness and completeness
  - Requirements assessment and development for extensions to existing standards or new, complementary standards
- Support
- Develop and Scl
  - Study and report needs of user community at large for standards and products

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## Goals and Activities of the Consortium

- Promote Calendaring and Scheduling
- Interoperability testing and certification
- Promote design and deployment of standards and implementations

- **Promote collaboration among members**
  - Promote inter-member collaboration to improve interoperability
  - Promote inter-member collaboration on instruction and training
  - Support inter-member efforts to define new areas for Calendaring and Scheduling
Goals and Activities of the Consortium

- Promote Calendaring and Scheduling
- Interoperability testing and certification
- Promote design and deployment of standards and implementations
- Promote collaboration among members
- Support common goals of members
  - Member forum to establish and promote common goals for Calendaring and Scheduling products
  - Establish common messages of member community as basis for promotional materials and publicity on Calendaring and Scheduling
  - Possible annual conference
Goals and Activities of the Consortium

- Promote Calendaring and Scheduling
- Interoperability testing and certification
- Promote design and deployment of standards and implementations
- Promote collaboration among members
- Support common goals of members
- Develop a shared vision for the Calendaring and Scheduling community
  - Seek broad representation from vendors, academia, customers and the open source community
  - Sponsor roundtable discussions, online forums
Interops (Interoperability Testing)

- Participation open to members and non-members (significant discount for members)
- Two day event usually co-located with Roundtable
- Results published to relevant standards org
- Public version on Consortium website

Roundtables

- “All hands” plenary meeting of membership
- Three per year midway between IETF meetings
  - help to drive each other
- Held in conjunction with Interops
- Technical committee working meetings
- Steering Committee meeting
- Review and status of technical committees
- Consensus on direction, next steps of Consortium
Events

Workshops

- First workshop tentatively planned for 1Q2006
- Public workshop or invitational depending on goal & topic
- Open to non-Consortium members
- Could be co-hosted with Roundtable or independent event

Annual Conference

- Need is still under evaluation
- Would offer technology and product overviews, tutorials and classes, demonstrations and vendor offerings
- Public conference with member discounts
- Could be co-hosted or co-located with another organization or outsourced to a providing organization
Organizational Structure

The Calendaring and Scheduling Consortium

Corporation Governance
Technical Governance

Board of Directors

- Executive Director
- Interop Manager
- Public Relations Specialist
- Accountant
- Technical Services (as required by Steering Committee)

Steering Committee

- Technical Committees
- Publicity & Roadmap Committees

Advisory
# Steering Committee

## Membership
- Initially, Founding Members of the Consortium
- Will expand to include at least one of each membership category

## Operations
- Monthly teleconference
- Meetings at Roundtables or other activities if needed

## Governance
- Chair chosen by Steering Committee members
- Chair participates in Board of Directors meetings

## Activities
- Overall technical direction
- Management of Technical Committees
- Consortium program elements
- Advice to the Board of Directors
Technical Committees

- **Membership**
  - Individual TC members provided by Member Organizations

- **Operations**
  - Determined by TC Chair and TC membership
  - TC Chair provides regular status to Steering Committee

- **Governance**
  - Any Consortium member may propose new work
  - Charter, scope and deliverables identified in the proposal
  - Chair confirmed by SC
  - Committee terminates when chartered work is complete

- **Operational policies**
  - In-progress work confidential to Consortium members only
  - Completed work published and freely available on Consortium web site
  - No proprietary information discussed
Technical Committees

**AUTHENTICATE**
Identify & recommend authentication and authorization solutions for Calendar data exchange

**CalDAV**
Define problems CalConnect wishes to solve with extensions to WebDAV; assist IETF with development of CalDAV Specification

**EVENTPUB**
Define event publishing & establish differences from regular calendaring and scheduling

**IOPTEST**
Support interoperability testing for all technical committees, develop test suites & reference implementation, publish interop results

**MOBILE**
Define issues for mobile support of standards-based Calendaring and recommend extensions to standards for mobile support

**REALTIME**
Clarify issues involved with realtime server-to-server calendaring and scheduling issues & provide recommendations

**RECURR**
Review problems in current alternative approaches towards handling recurrences & recommend a preferred approach or guidelines

**TIMEZONE**
Identify requirements for & a strategy to establish a global timezone reference available to CalDAV & other calendaring and scheduling server implementations

**USECASE**
Develop sets of real world use cases that can be used to validate identified functionality & testing scenarios for existing & future C&S implementations

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Intellectual Property Rights

- **Consortium policy**
  - Members will not introduce or share proprietary or encumbered information in the course of participating in consortium activities

- **Resolution of ambiguous situations**
  - Reasonable compliance with IETF policy on IPR
    - “Section 10” of IETF RFC2026, Internet Standards Process
    - http://www.ietf.org/IESG/Section10.txt
Membership

- **Eligibility**
  - Any company, institution or individual who
    - supports the goals of the Consortium
    - agrees to abide by its rules
    - submits the proper membership application
    - pays the appropriate membership fee

- **Fees**
  - Published on the Consortium web site
  - Based on membership category
  - Due annually upon anniversary of joining the Consortium
Membership

Categories

- Commercial Vendor
  - $>100$ million annual revenue
  - $10$-$100$ million annual revenue
  - $>$10 million annual revenue

- Customer Organizations/Companies

- Non-Profit Organizations

- Open Source Organizations

- Academic Institutions

- Standards Setting Organizations

- Individuals
Membership

Benefits

- Voice in achieving Consortium objectives
  - Propose new work
  - Engage in one or more Technical Committees
  - Influence direction of TCs and Steering Committee
  - Participate in technical governance

- Recognition and publicity
  - Listing on Consortium web site
  - Opportunity for recognition in Consortium PR initiatives

- Reduced rate for Interop events

- Opportunity to host Roundtable or Interop events

- Help create true interoperable Calendaring & Scheduling
Membership

Founding Members

- Carnegie Mellon
- Dartmouth
- Rensselaer Polytechnic
- 2 Individual Members

Recent Members

- CSU Fresno
- IBM
- Trumba

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Status

Roundtable II, TC meetings and Interop Events

First Roundtable

First Interop

Roundtable III, TC meetings and Interop Events; 1-3 June; Host: Duke University; Location: Durham, NC

Roundtable IV, TC meetings and Interop Events; 13-15 September; Host: Open Source Application Foundation; Location: San Francisco, CA

TC-AUTHENTICATE and TC-MOBILE established

Formal public launch

Current Technical Committee set established
More Info; How to Get Involved

- Website:  http://www.calconnect.org
- Contact us:  info@calconnect.org
- Attend the next Roundtable as an observer
  - January 10-12, Provo, Utah
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