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The Calendaring and Scheduling Consortium

A Nonprofit Mutual Benefit Corporation

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- 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

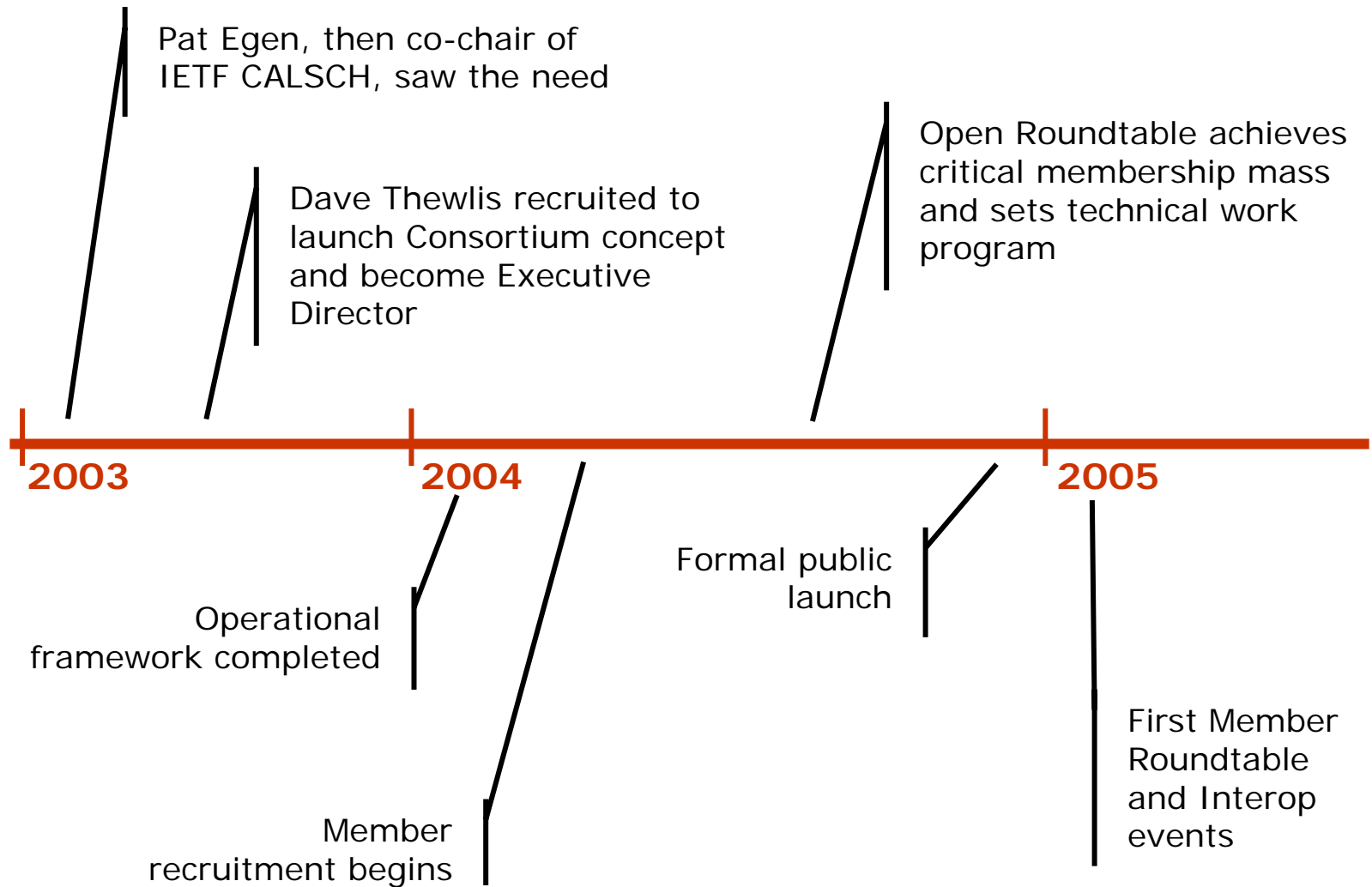
■ Not a standards development organization

- ◆ 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?



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

■ Interop

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■ Support

- ◆ Press releases
- ◆ Media publications
- ◆ Trade shows
- ◆ Op ed pieces, articles and white papers
- ◆ Trade shows and speaking opportunities
- ◆ Regular Roundtables for 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
 - Promote standardization
 - Promote interoperability
 - Support interoperability testing
 - Develop and Support Interoperability and Conformance 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
- Promote
 - ◆ Feedback on existing standards on correctness and completeness
 - ◆ Requirements assessment and development for extensions to existing standards or new, complementary standards
 - ◆ Study and report needs of user community at large for standards and products
- Support
- Development and Science

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
 - ◆ 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
- Development and Science

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
- Development and Science
 - ◆ 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

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- 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

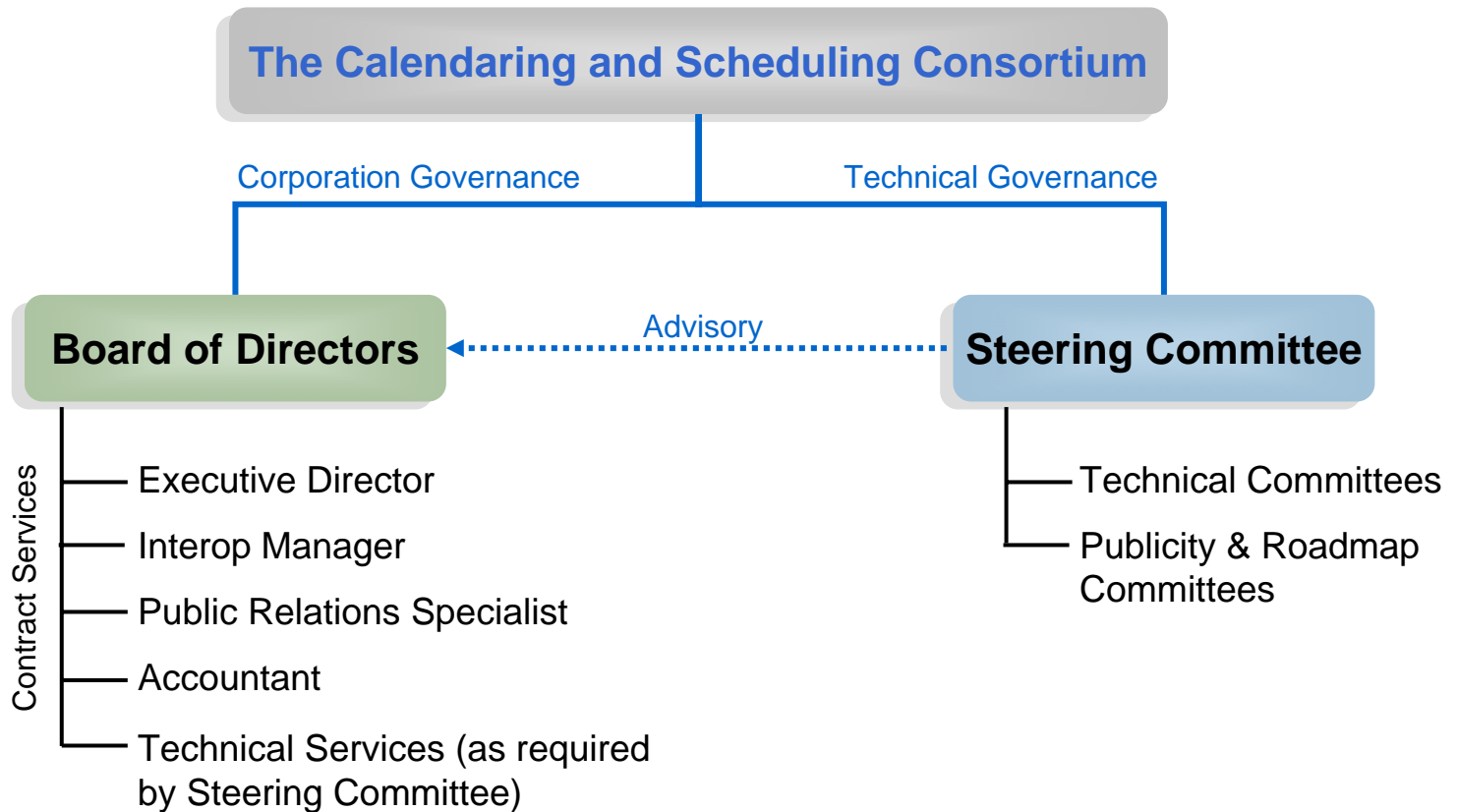
Workshops

- ◆ First workshop tentatively planed 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



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 Calendaring 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

IOPTTEST

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

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

■ 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

■ 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



evdb



NASA/JPL
Caltech



Novell.

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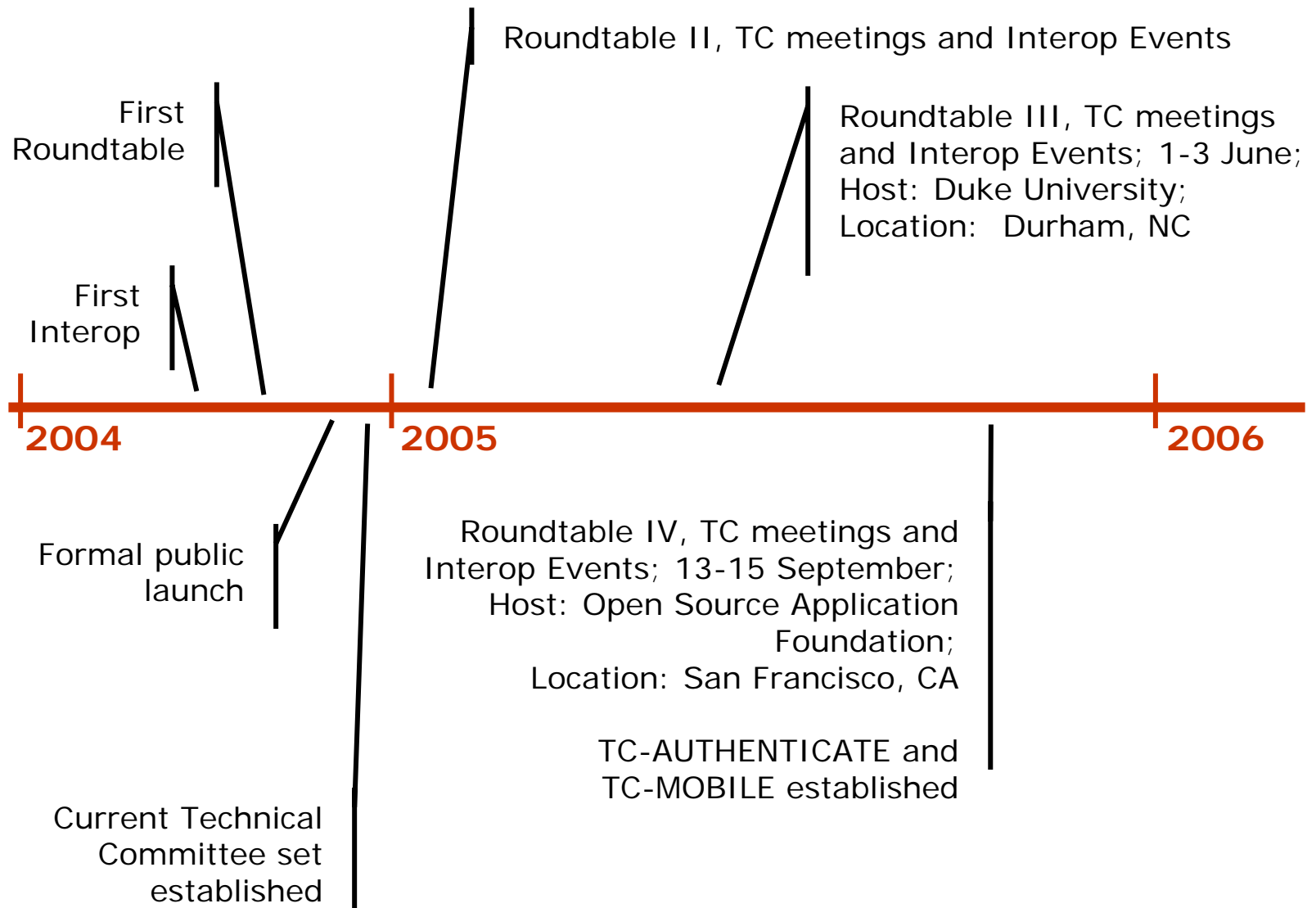


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Recent Members

Carnegie Mellon
 Dartmouth
 Rensselaer Polytechnic
 2 Individual Members

CSU Fresno
 IBM
 Trumba



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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