

Overview of The Calendaring and Scheduling Consortium

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Foreword

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Overview of The Calendaring and Scheduling Consortium

1. What is CalConnect?

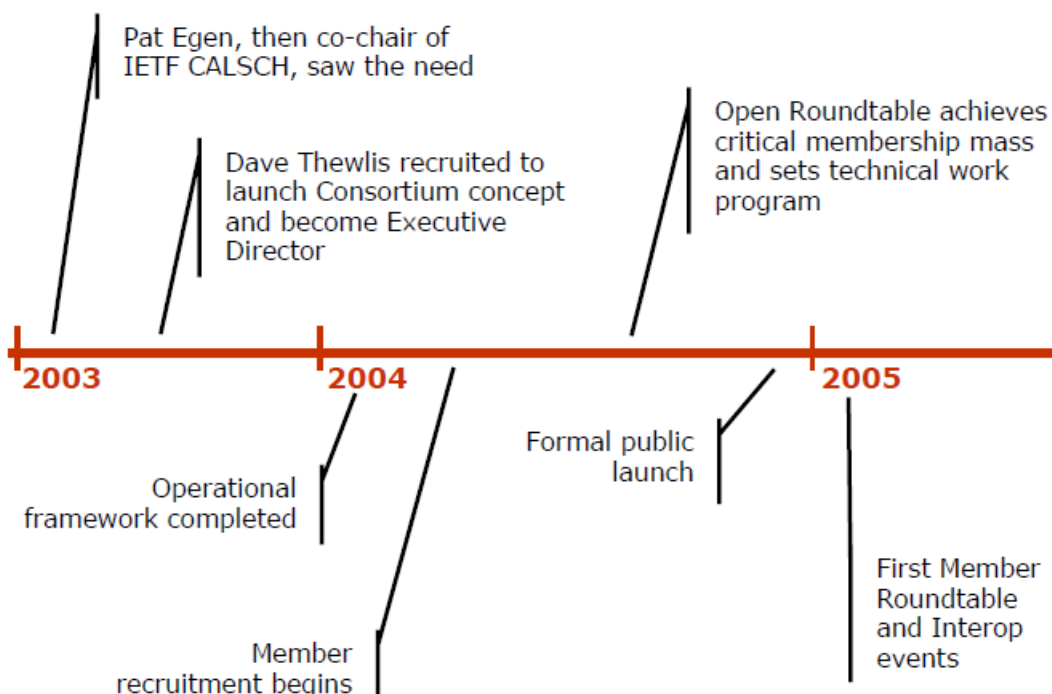
- 1) A Partnership
 - Between Calendaring & Scheduling Vendors and Customers
- 2) Mission
 - To provide a general understanding of, promote, and provide mechanisms so that Calendaring and Scheduling methodologies, tools and applications can enter the mainstream of computing
- 3) Not a standards development organization
 - Promotes development and adoption of standards
 - Influence SDOs and vendors

2. 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

3. How did it evolve?



4. Goals of the Consortium

- Promote Calendaring & Scheduling

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- 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

5. Goals and Activities of the Consortium

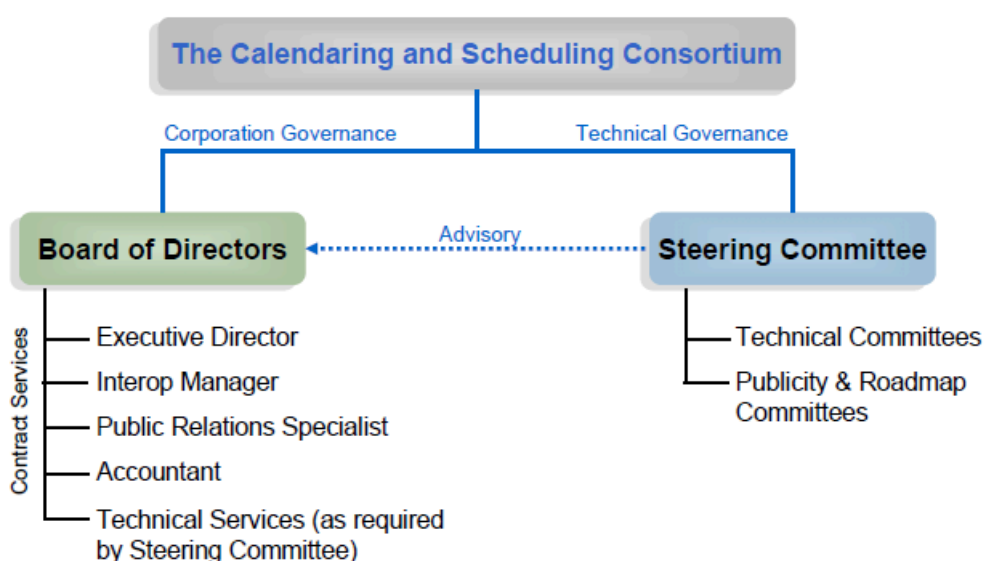
- 1) Promote Calendaring & Scheduling
 - Press releases
 - Media publications
 - Trade shows
 - Op ed pieces, articles and white papers
 - Trade shows and speaking opportunities
 - Regular Roundtables for members
- 2) Interoperability testing and certification
 - Periodic interoperability testing events
 - 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
- 3) 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
 - Study and report needs of user community at large for standards and products
- 4) 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
- 5) 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
- 6) 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

6. Events

- 1) 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
- 2) 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
- 3) 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
 - 4) 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

7. Organizational Structure



8. Steering Committee

- 1) Membership
 - Initially, Founding Members of the Consortium
 - Will expand to include at least one of each membership category
- 2) 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
- 3) Activities
 - Overall technical direction
 - Management of Technical Committees
 - Consortium program elements
 - Advice to the Board of Directors

9. Technical Committees

- 1) Membership
 - Individual TC members provided by Member Organizations
- 2) Operations

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- Determined by TC Chair and TC membership
 - TC Chair provides regular status to Steering Committee
- 3) 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
- 4) Operational policies
- In-progress work confidential to Consortium members only
 - Completed work published and freely available on Consortium web site
 - No proprietary information discussed

9.1. AUTHENTICATE

Identify recommend authentication and authorization solutions for Calendaring data exchange

9.2. CalDAV

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

9.3. EVENTPUB

Define event publishing establish differences from regular calendaring and scheduling

9.4. IOPTTEST

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

9.5. MOBILE

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

9.6. REALTIME

Clarify issues involved with real-time server-to-server calendaring and scheduling issues provide recommendations

9.7. RECURR

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

9.8. TIMEZONE

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

9.9. USECASE

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

10. Intellectual Property Rights

- 1) Consortium policy
 - Members will not introduce or share proprietary or encumbered information in the course of participating in consortium activities
- 2) 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>

11. Membership

- 1) 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
- 2) Fees
 - Published on the Consortium web site
 - Based on membership category
 - Due annually upon anniversary of joining the Consortium
- 3) 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
- 4) 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

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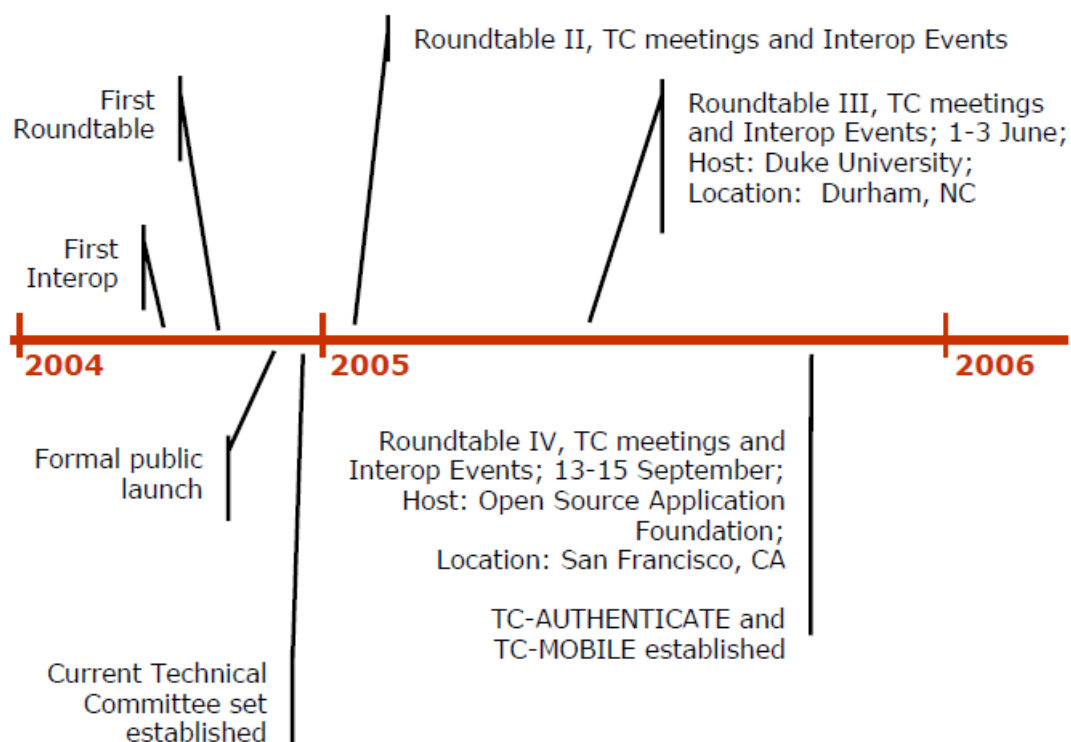
11.1. Founding Members



11.2. Recent Members

- Carnegie Mellon
- Dartmouth
- Rensselaer Polytechnic
- CSU Fresno
- IBM
- Trumba
- 2 Individual Members

12. Status



13. More Info; How to Get Involved

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- 2) Contact us: info@calconnect.org
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