




Individuals Working Group Progress Report

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Working Group

- Working Group Meetings
 - Fridays at 10:00 Pacific Time
 - Teleconference and WebEx
 - Working on draft document

Problem Statement

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- Individuals registering as JCP Members instead of their employer company to avoid fee or employer signature of JSPA; need to ensure that all contributed IP is covered by an appropriate grant.
 - Individuals have the same rights as Corporate Members; possible to use to advantage in Elections and in IP contributions acting as agents of their employers.
 - Some developers are interested in joining the JCP, but employer will not sign Exhibit B, so they cannot join the JCP program; need to better enable their participation.

Draft Proposal of Solution



- Create additional category of membership for individuals that would not involve the employer signing the JSPA, but maintain transparency delivered through JCP.Next already.
 - Public Participants/Observers
 - This is enabled though the participation and transparency of JCP.Next already delivered.
 - No signature required, can register on jcp.org and java.net for access to JSR EG work.
 - Contributor or Associate Member
 - Simplified Membership agreement for Individuals, no employer signature required. Cannot serve on an EG, as Spec Lead or on EC, but can make some contributions. Java User Groups will join at this level of membership.
 - Corporate/Full Member
 - Full benefits including serving on JSR Expert Groups. Strengthened Exhibit B/some individuals would still qualify but most would convert to Contributor level.

Benefits for Contributor Membership

- Create value and benefits for Contributor Membership (Full Members will also receive these benefits in addition to existing membership benefits <http://jcp.org/en/participation/overview>).
 - Can make simple (need definition) contributions to JSR expert groups such as bug fixes and minor enhancements.
 - JavaOne discounts and priority seating.
 - JCP membership items – membership card, tshirt, other nice items.
 - Inclusion in JCP Membership event.
 - Online calls or forums with technical speakers, exclusive access.
 - Speakers Bureau and support for events.
 - Addition of blog &/or twitter feed to JCP community on java.net.
 - Voting rights in the Annual JCP Program Awards.
 - Voting in the JCP Elections-risk of upsetting system in place?



Discussion, feedback, comments, questions?