Next G Alliance Founding Members Virtual Meeting - November 16, 2020 Meeting Notes

#### 1 **PARTICIPANTS**

Participant	Company
Helene Workman	Apple
Andre Fuetsch	AT&T
Javan Erfanian	Bell Canada
Manish Jindal	Charter
Stephen Alexander	Ciena
Kishen Mangat	Cisco
Jan Soderstrom	Ericsson
Michael Tseytlin	Facebook
Andrew Clegg	Google
Jeff Edlund	HPE
Geng Wu	Intel
Henri Tirri	InterDigital
Todd Landry	JMA Wireless
Roger Nichols	Keysight
Sang Kim	LG Electronics
John Baker	Mavenir
Micaela Giuhat	Microsoft
Charles Clancy	MITRE
Devaki Chandramouli	Nokia
Farrokh Khatibi	Qualcomm
Charlie Zhang	Samsung
David Casem	Telnyx
Karri Kuoppamaki	T-Mobile
Kaniz Mahdi	VMWare
Ed Diaz	Verizon
Brian Daly (Guest)	AT&T
Thomas Navin (Guest)	Facebook
Dutt Kalapatapu (Guest)	Google
Douglas Castor (Guest)	InterDigital
Clara Li (Guest)	Intel
Michael Brown (Guest)	Microsoft
Ed Tiedemann (Guest)	Qualcomm
Mark Epstein (Guest)	Qualcomm
Claudio Taglienti (Guest)	US Cellular
Benoit Pelletier (Guest)	VMWare
David Tennenhouse (Guest)	VMWare
Susan Miller	ATIS
Mike Nawrocki	ATIS

Participant	Company
Carroll Gray-Preston	ATIS
Lauren Layman	ATIS
Tom Goode	ATIS
Iain Sharp	ATIS

# 2 Next G Alliance Leadership

Tom Goode (ATIS) indicated notification was sent to Next G Alliance Founding Member informing all participants that an election would be held during this meeting for the Next G Alliance Founding Members Chair and Vice Chair positions.

Mr. Goode noted that one nomination had been received for the position of Next G Alliance Founding Member Chair for Andre Fuetsch (AT&T). He asked for any further nominations from the floor. There were none and the nominations for Next G Alliance Founding Member Chair were closed. Mr. Fuetsch was elected as the Chair of Next G Alliance Founding Member by acclamation.

Mr. Goode noted that one nomination had been received for the position of Next G Alliance Founding Member Vice Chair for Jan Soderstrom (Ericsson). He asked for any further nominations from the floor. There were none and the nominations for Next G Alliance Founding Member Chair were closed. Mr. Soderstrom was elected as the Vice Chair of Next G Alliance Founding Member by acclamation.

## 3 Discussion/Action Items/Next Steps

- The newly elected leaders offered their perspectives on the importance of this timely work.
- A company contribution from Ericsson, Nokia, Qualcomm and Samsung, titled *The Next G Alliance- Some Thoughts for Consideration*, was reviewed. The contribution included possible areas of scope for the roadmap, the Next G Alliance relationship to research initiatives, and organizational structure.
- It was noted that several of the items in this contribution will be further discussed in the ATIS presentation, and many of the decision points will be referred to the Steering Committee upon its formation.
- Participants discussed slide four of the company contribution slide deck, around the relationship between the Next G Initiative and the Research Initiative. There were no objections to using this proposed model as the path forward for the Research Initiative.
- The group was presented with plans for collaborating with Universities including interactions around technical guidance and project management.
- ATIS will reach out to participants for further thoughts around the University Partnership and will provide information around proposed action plans and potential partners back to the Founding Members.
- ATIS has been approached by government agencies regarding their participation in the Next G Alliance. Different potential models were discussed, including having government restricted to a single working group, or having a quarterly interface with government to inform them of the Next G Alliance progress and collaborate on

- any next steps. Further discussion on a possible path forward will occur in the Steering Group.
- Discussion occurred around the inclusion of Strategic Partners, ATIS will examine different options and provide proposed guidance back to the Founding Members.
- Tom Goode (ATIS) discussing the operating procedures for the Next G Alliance. He noted that the operating procedures will be circulated via email for Founding Member approval.
- Participants were informed that documents storage for the Next G Alliance will be located here: <a href="https://nextgalliance.org/member-portal/">https://nextgalliance.org/member-portal/</a>.
- Participants were provided with a proposed 30-60-90 day plan at the conclusion of the presentation.

#### 4 FUTURE MEETINGS

- Future Virtual Meetings:
  - Steering Committee to be set up with a target inaugural meeting for mid-January 2021
  - The next Founding Members meeting targeted for late January 2021

## 5 ADJOURNMENT

Participants were thanked for attending and the meeting was adjourned at 1:00pm.