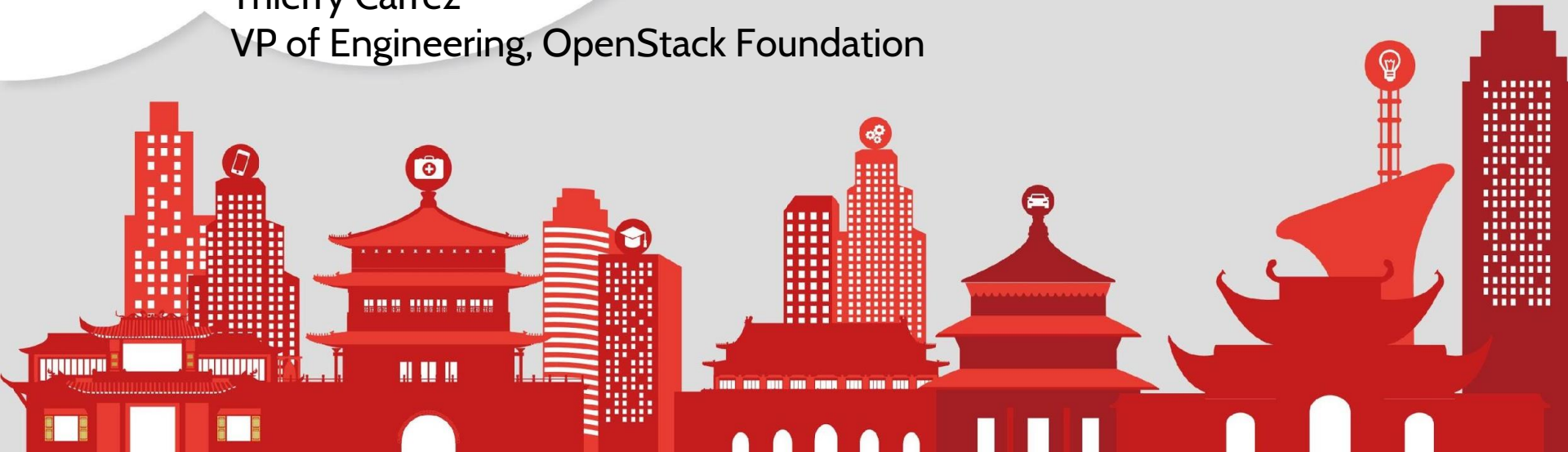


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Technical Stewardship

A look inside the OpenStack Technical Committee

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Why do projects need governance ?

- ✓ Create order, the bucket stops here
- ✓ Know how to solve problems before having them
- ✓ Benevolent dictators sometimes disappear



Properties of good governance

- ✓ Allows for replacement
- ✓ Makes leaders into stewards
- ✓ Strongly aligns with contributors



Limits of governance

- ✓ Cannot control the priorities of contributors
- ✓ Can set principles, define scope, highlight needs



History of OpenStack governance

- ✓ Initially: Arch Board + per-project TCs
- ✓ Early 2011 : Project Oversight Committee
- ✓ March 2011 : Project Policy Board
- ✓ Sept 2012 : Board + Technical Committee
- ✓ June 2013 : 13 directly-elected members



TC tasks : Serving our constituency

- ✓ Handling interactions with other committees
- ✓ Acting as a final-call safety valve
- ✓ Ensuring an inclusive open collaboration



TC tasks : Defining what is « in »

- ✓ Evaluating new team applications
- ✓ Refining the limit between « in » and « out »
- ✓ Balancing « being one of us » with reality



TC tasks : Taking the step back

- ✓ Considering OpenStack as "one platform"
- ✓ Looking at gaps
- ✓ Influencing its direction



TC tasks : Documenting existing culture

- ✓ Can't expect newcomers know all history
- ✓ Document values, principles, how we operate
- ✓ Document where we want to go



Priorities from the Board + TC + UC

- ✓ Better communicate what is OpenStack
- ✓ Improving the feedback loop on requirements
- ✓ Reduce complexity
- ✓ Engage with adjacent communities
- ✓ Grow new community leaders



Building a vision for the TC

- ✓ Not a mission statement
- ✓ Describe a specific point in the future, in prose
- ✓ Should be inspiring, and strategically-sound
- ✓ Helps define what success looks like
- ✓ Informs our decisions on our way there



The draft 2019 TC vision

- ✓ Navigating with Constellations
- ✓ Working with Adjacent Communities
- ✓ Including a Wider Community
- ✓ Growing new Leaders



Work in progress

- ✓ A new OpenStack project map
- ✓ Moving away from “big tent” terminology
- ✓ Rely less on synchronous meetings



Making a difference with your contribution

- ✓ Strategic vs. Tactical contributions
- ✓ The need to be explicit



Area #1 : Support teams

- ✓ Project infrastructure
- ✓ Release management, Stable branch maint
- ✓ Documentation, QA



Area #2 : Struggling critical teams

- ✓ Glance, Keystone
- ✓ Designate
- ✓ Horizon



Area #3 : Inter-project goals

- ✓ Driving change across multiple projects
- ✓ Champion release goals
- ✓ Join API WG, Arch WG, Stewardship WG...





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Thank you!

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