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Quarterly Report – Legal and Finance

This report relates to the Legal and Finance department for the period April 2020-June 2020.

My first quarter as DC of the Legal and Finance department has been a busy one. I started by looking through all of the policies in place across the organisation and have now set about updating and filling in any gaps.

The Legal and Finance department covers a number of functions not least of which is generating funding for our community. The global lockdown has caused the cancellation of many events on which we have previously relied to spread the word and gain new sponsors. In turn many previous sponsors have had to cut back to ensure their own survival. I am pleased to say that with the help and support of my fellow board members we have discussions in place with both new and existing sponsors and are all focused on ensuring that we are in a position to sustain our current plans and continue producing world beating software as well as supporting our tremendous community.

In respect to the various policies that give us the framework to operate under, I am indebted to Donata Kalnenaite who has provided a huge input and assistance with the privacy and compliance policies. In addition Claire Mandville has continued to work behind the scenes protecting our trademarks as well as running the Vulnerable Extensions List (VEL) to ensure our extension providers keep their software safe and secure. Finally, I am pleased to say that our OSM Financial Policy has been supplemented by a new policy covering the use of corporate cards and I am extremely grateful to Luca Marzo for all the time he has contributed (as well as the rest of the board of directors) in reviewing the various drafts.

The teams within Legal and Finance are in real need of new volunteers to help share the workload. If you have any time or skills which may be of assistance, please get in touch and volunteer, together we can continue to support the community and the development of a world beating CMS.

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