

Meeting Minutes - Open Source Matters, Inc. Board meeting 18 October 2010

Attendees:

Alice Grevet, Altansukh Tumenjargal, Andrea Tarr, Dianne Henning, Jacques Rentzke, James Vasile, Javier Gomez, Philip Locke, Robert Deutz, Ryan W. Ozimek, Steve Burge

Absent with notification:

Marijke Stuivenberg

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#### 1. **Approval of previous meeting's minutes**

Minutes to be approved via email.

#### 2. **Review of OSM board of directors motions brought to the floor via the email list, please circulate list by email in advance**

The Secretary reads the motion as accepted. (see below)

#### 3. **Treasurer's report**

Ryan provides the new board members with an overview of the budget.

#### 4. **Old Business**

##### a. **Review of OSM Board of Director Nomination process**

Robert raises the topic for discussion. Steve mentions that the nomination process did not go as smoothly as hoped, and that we can have further discussion with the Community Oversight Committee about this. Jacques points out that we followed a new process this time round, and lessons were learnt.

#### 5. **New Business**

##### a. **Welcoming new Board members, short introductions (Ryan)**

The new board members introduces themselves to the board. Ryan welcomes the new board members, and places emphasis on the diversity of backgrounds that are now represented on the board.

##### b. **Trademark: Splitting Policy and Operational**

Jacques proposes that the Operational and Policy sides of Trademark and Licencing be split between the current Trademark team and a Trademark Committee. The board Committee would deal with policy, and the Trademark team would deal with the day-to-day operational issues. Ryan suggests that we discuss this further in more detail on list.

##### c. **Finance overviews**

###### i. **Financial review of all money going in and out of OSM**

Steve introduces as discussion on our finances, and income areas like the Shop and Demo site. He feels that we should focus in detail on income and expenses. Altansukh (Sukh) shares some income ideas with

the board, including reaching more countries.

ii. **Capital Committee - Structure suggestion**

Philip (Phil) proposes setting up a structure of smaller groups below the Capital Committee, including Fundraising, Sponsorship, Shop, Website, with a lead for each. Each Sub-Committee lead would report back to him. Ryan offers to share some experience from the past. Steve and Jacques voice their support for the idea. James shares his thoughts on donations, and suggests that we also look at what has worked for other projects. Both Phil and Steve feels that it's important that people understand where the money are going to. Ryan suggest that we put ideas in a problem-solution format for easier processing.

iii. **Demo site overview**

Ryan provides the new board members with some background to the Demo Site. Jacques confirms that Peter Martin from the Community Leadership Team (CLT) will be assisting him in a meeting with CloudAccess.

iv. **Shop overview**

Suhk proposes that we should have regional shops, to reach more people outside the US markets. Phil agrees with the idea of regionalising the shop. Dianne confirms that shipping can currently be a prohibitive cost. Print-on-demand and other options can be investigated.

d. **Forming a board of advisors**

Steve raises the idea again of forming a board of advisors, that could share their experience, and provide the OSM board with advice on certain matters. Steve will take the discussion further. Alice volunteers to assist.

e. **Input on appointment of a new Trademark Team leader**

Ryan provides an update on the appointment of a new Trademark Team leader.

f. **Support Joomla!Night Stockholm**

Robert informs the board about a new type of event to be organized in Sweden, called Joomla Night. Robert suggests that we support this idea financially. Ryan feels that it is a good idea to support communities coming together, but requests more details about this specific event. The board agrees that more information is needed.

1. **Celebrating Success**

a. **Wonderful new OSM Board members**

Ryan congratulates the new OSM board members, and thanks them for volunteering their time

- b. **Paul Orwig our new Treasurer (Ryan)**  
Thank you to Paul
- c. **Joomla!Day West + DC (Ryan)**  
The JoomlaDay went exceptionally well.
- d. **Completion of the OSM Board Review process (Ryan)**  
We've successfully completed the process, and the report will be shared with the new board members.

Jacques brings the motion to adjourn the meeting. Javier seconds.  
Meeting is adjourned.

**Next meeting: November 15, 2010 - 20:00 UTC**

**Reference documents and appendix:**

1. **Board motions taken on the email list**

**MOTION via email: October 14, 2010**

**Ryan Ozimek:** *"The Board appoints Paul Orwig to the position of Treasurer, effective immediately and until the next general election of officers."*

**Motion seconded by Robert Deutz**

7 Votes in favour, none against. Quorum: Yes

**Motion passed**

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*prepared by Jacques Rentzke as Secretary of the board of Open Source Matters, Inc*