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Open Source Matters, Inc. Semi-Annual Members Meeting

Date: December 15, 2022

Time: 18:00 UTC

Total time of meeting: 55 minutes

Attendees:

Board Representatives: Robert Deutz (President), Nicola Galgano (Vice President), Luca Marzo (Secretary), Nadja Lamisch (Treasurer), Benjamin Trenkle (Director), Philip Walton (Director), Harald Leithner (Director).

Attendees: Laura Gordon, Viviana Menzel, Alison Meeks, Crystal Dionysopoulos, Franciska Perisa, Rachel Walraven, Mark Fleeson, Richard Fath, Louise Hawkins, Per Yngve Berg, Dénes Székely, Llewellyn van der Merwe, Martin Kopp, Jeroen Moolenschot, Sigrid Gramlinger, Christiane Maier-Stadtherr, Jenn Gress, Joe Sonne, Hans van der Meer, George Wilson, Anja de Crom, Shirielle Williams.

Apologies:

Discussion outline

Introduction

Speaker: Luca Marzo (Secretary)

- Luca Marzo welcomed all the participants and shared the instructions to properly attend the meeting.

Semi-Annual Report from the President

Speaker: Robert Deutz (President)

- Robert Deutz welcomed all the participants and shared the Semi-Annual Report from the participants.

President

Robert updated the members with the current status of outstanding legal cases. Progress has been made on both of them and the Board is working closely with the legal counsel to get to closure of them. Updates expected for Q1 2023.

Robert is working closely with Nadja, to solve the access issues with the bank and find a new bank.

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Questions & Answers

- Crystal Dionysopoulos asked for further details on the legal cases, which Robert provided.
- Laura Gordon asked the status of the Foundation. Luca and Robert provided information about the current status of the Foundation, which has been granted the 501(c)(3) status and is starting its activities; volunteers are needed.

Semi-Annual Report from the Treasurer

Speaker: Nadja Lamisch (Treasurer)

- Nadja is sorting out the difficult access situation with the banks, solving payment tools issues and cooperating with Robert.
- The cooperation with the bookkeeper and the accountant is progressing well to get tax filings done and filed.

Questions & Answers

- Llewellyn van der Merwe asked why we're not using OpenCollective to raise money. Luca provided insights on how it has been used so far. Robert responded that there will be further analysis on the service to increase its usage.

Reports from Directors

- Philip Walton provided some updates from the Outreach Department, which is now active and growing. The Social Media Team is still looking for volunteers. New volunteers needed also to work on the joomla.org galaxy of websites.
- Harald Leithner informed the members that the Joomla Mastodon instance is up and running, but not yet announced, in response to a question from Christane Maier-Stadtherr. Accounts can be created at social.joomla.org.
- Benjamin Trenkle reported that the Maintainer Team is doing bi-weekly meetings to finalize and merge pull requests, in response to the question from members in the agenda. Nicola Galgano, Richard Fath and Harald Leithner contributed to the discussion about introducing a way to automatically mark stale Pull Requests and Issues that are inactive for months. Benjamin pointed out that a Production decision was to not auto-close stale issues and pull requests.

Questions & Answers

- Crystal Dionysopoulos offered to create some Playbooks on Mattermost to train people on topics like leadership, conflict resolution, management, inclusive communication, etc.. A poll has been run during the call on Google Meet.
- Laura Gordon remembered to regularly visit the events portal to see the nearest events about Joomla and announce events there.

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Updates from the Secretary

Speaker: Luca Marzo (Secretary)

- Luca reported the current membership stats:
 - Total Teams: 22
 - Total Memberships (not unique): 170
 - Unique Members: 85
 - Members by Class (not unique):
 - Class 1 Members: 7
 - Class 2 Members: 22
 - Class 3 Members: 141
- Luca reminded the need to revitalize the Capital Team, the unique source of income of the organization and that the call for volunteers is always open. Crystal Dionysopoulos and Joe Sonne proposed to create a specific role for fundraisers, where experienced people could contribute.

The meeting has been adjourned at 19:00 UTC.