Meeting Minutes - Open Source Matters, Inc. Board meeting 6 November 2013

Attendees:, Mike Carson, Ofer Cohen, Victor Drover, Alice Grevet, Paul Orwig, Jacques Rentzke, Marijke Stuivenberg, Radek Suski, Sarah Watz

Excused: Leonel Canton, Sandy Ordonez

Quorum: Yes
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I. Old Business

a) By-laws Changes

Following a discussion about the proposed By-laws changes, the annual meeting, directors and members, the following motion was brought to the floor:

MOTION: to approve the amended By-laws Jacques makes the motion. Alice seconds it. The motion passes by unanimous consent. (http://opensourcematters.org/images/bylaws/osm-by-laws-november-6-2013.pdf).

b) New Members/Directors of OSM

Our organization type requires us to have members. The vote in August made all who were currently directors, members. We all have the dual role.

MOTION: - the directors of the board of Open Source Matters admit Victor Drover as a member of the organization and as a director of the board of Open Source Matters. Mike makes the motion. Radek seconds it. The motion is approved.

MOTION: the directors of the board of Open Source Matters appoint Victor Drover as Treasurer. Alice makes the motion. Mike seconds it. The motion is approved.

MOTION: the directors of the board of Open Source Matters admit Joe Sonne as a member of the organization and as a director of the board of Open Source Matters. Sarah makes the motion. Mike seconds it. The motion is approved.

c) Assistant Treasurer

Vic will explore Assistant Treasurer candidates, both US-based and non-US-based.

d) Expiring Terms

Under the new By-laws there will be one annual meeting at which time all OSM terms will end. The annual meeting should be near the start of the year, and can be done online. It doesn't have to be held in conjunction with any other event.

Several board members have indicated that they will not be requesting term renewals. It is important to stagger terms and document processes to help with transitions. Some thought needs to be given to staggering terms and helping with transitions.
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e) Licenses Trademarks and Domains

There is an LGPL license change request from the PLT for the framework, which we need to decide on soon. LGPL would give any company wanting to use the framework the right to not release their code as GPL. Some people feel it weakens the founding principles of the GPL. The framework license would be LGPL when separate from the CMS, but GPL when used with the CMS.

The PLT wants to increase adoption of the framework – changing to LGPL could encourage that. But there is a part of the community that says being GPL is our philosophical position and is more important than adoption.

II. New Business

a) Contract Storage

Radek will work on finding a contract storage solution.

b) Global domain name management

Vic will work with Marijke and legal counsel on formulating a global policy for recuperating domain names that compromise the trademark.

c) Marketing

Joomla needs to be present at more events, and not just Joomla or Open Source events. The marketing RFP is close to being finalized. Things needed include data reporting, roll ups, keynote PPT templates, banners, flyers.

d) Talking to Schools About Joomla

Existing curricula need to be shared and studied for translation and broader use so that Joomla educators can download materials and use them all around the world. Some people teach Joomla regularly. We need to pool these resources – a place for people to upload their slide decks, etc, and share them with other educators.

e) Translations

Translations are needed for marketing materials and also the code. They are different kinds of translations but there could be some overlap in how the tool functions.

f) Budget Process and Timeline

How can we improve the process? Get your proposals in. The funding cycle covers three quarters. A percentage of our revenue should go to infrastructure. Budget liaisons are needed for each team.

g) Leadership Training

The board agrees to look into leadership training for the next summit.

III. Project-Funded Travel

a) Chad Windnagle – GsoC ($271)
b) Mike Carson – JWC13 ($890)

Sarah made a motion to end the meeting. Mike seconded.

Prepared by Alice Grevet and Marijke Stuivenberg (Secretary and Assistant Secretary of the board of Open Source Matters, Inc)