

## **Quarterly Report – Legal and Finance**

January 2021

This report relates to the Legal and Finance department for the period October 2020-December 2020.

Whilst the has continued to come to grips with the effects of a global pandemic, the Joomla community has rallied together to push forward the development of our award winning CMS. This has been against the background of a significantly reduced budget which was agreed by the board at the start of the fiscal year in July 2020. The best way to describe the budget this year in the light of an uncertain outlook was a very paired down ‘keep the lights on’ approach. The challenge was set for the Capital team under the umbrella of Legal and Finance to at the very least maintain the income stream from sponsors.

I am pleased to be able to announce that through the generous donations received from sponsors and the signing of new sponsorship deals, we have already surpassed the total income of the previous fiscal year in just six months. In past years we have relied heavily on networking at events to promote Joomla! and sign new sponsorships, the lack of these events has pushed everything into a virtual world and forced us to adapt to new ways of working.

I am very pleased that through the combined efforts of the Legal and Finance team and with the assistance and support of other board members we have been able to sign new Platinum sponsors including:

- Google (Platinum Sponsor)
- Scala Hosting (Platinum Sponsor) offering a unique VPS hosting service to Joomla users
- Rothen (Platinum Sponsor) who continue to provide full hosting services for the project

In addition we welcome new Bronze sponsors:

- Writers per hour
- Webton

To all of our sponsors, Thank You. We rely on your support and particularly at this time your support is most thankfully received. Once again, I extend my thanks to the rest of the team for their assistance in making all of this happen. Joomla is in a good place now for the launch of V4 and the rest of the fiscal.

As my first year as Legal and Finance DC comes to an end, it is very gratifying to close the term with such a magnificent result. I look forward to being able to continue in the role for another term subject to being elected.

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