

# Programs 2021 Q2 Report - Jaz Parkyn

One of the main focuses for this quarter was the preparation of the budget for the next fiscal year. This process started by asking all of the department teams to collate their requests and to accompany each with a measurable goal. During a department meeting, the requests and their goals were discussed, before being finalised in time to meet the deadline for review by the Board.

As part of the department meeting about budgets, there was a discussion about how the teams could better keep track of their expenditure and remaining budget. As a result of this conversation, I tabled a board motion to prepare and publish departmental budget vs actual reports on a quarterly basis on the OSM website to help achieve better visibility.

During the Board meeting regarding the budget, I explained what each of the department teams would like to achieve if their requests should be approved. As part of the process, each department's requests were reviewed and trimmed down. This year, the Board collectively decided to utilise some of the financial reserves and to approve a budget with a small deficit to better allow the completion and promotion of Joomla 4.

Throughout this quarter, I have proposed three board motions, and have seconded two motions.

Outside of the department, I have assisted Luca and Wilco in writing documents and preparing materials that formed part of the appeal to the IRS for the 501(c)(3) application for the Joomla Foundation.

I also attended Joomla Day USA and helped in manning the virtual OSM booth with my fellow board members. A massive thank you to the organisers in running such a fantastic event.

After two and half years of holding the Programs DC position, I have decided to step down from the role at the end of the current term. This was a very hard decision to make, and was not taken lightly, but there are some things in my personal life that need my time and attention, meaning that I will no longer be able to commit to the time requirements of this role. During the transition process, I will support my successor in every way possible to help them into the role.

## Joomla Certification Team (JCP)

The team has recently decided to focus on the creation of the Joomla 4 exam, rather than updating the existing Joomla 3 exam. As part of this process, the updated question management system is now being tested by the two new exam maintainers, and the new exam platform testing is also progressing. The team is looking for an operations and marketing coordinator and a platform developer.

## Volunteer Engagement Team (VET)

The team is reviewing its internal structure as the current department representative structure is no longer suited to their work and goals. The onboarding project is focussing on redesigning the contribute to Joomla page on the volunteer portal, as well as investigating running some sessions with Joomla Leadership to increase awareness of the onboarding processes once they've been created.

## Educational Outreach Working Group (JEO)

The working group has decided to temporarily pause its activities for the foreseeable future as members are involved with other teams that have more immediate goals in the run up to the Joomla 4 launch. This has meant that the members are unfortunately stretched too thinly to cover all of their roles.

If anyone wishes to help re-start the Working Group, please complete the contact form on the group's page on the volunteer portal.

## Joomla Translation Program (JTP)

The translation team is picking up awareness and as a result, new volunteers. I would like to thank Wilco for his hard work here, and for helping setup and guide new translators and proof-readers in the translation processes.