

Meeting Minutes - Open Source Matters, Inc. Board meeting 23 August 2010

Attendees: James Vasile, Javier Gomez, Robert Deutz, Ryan Ozimek, Jacques Rentzke, Steve Burge

Absent with notification: Marko Milenovic

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

Previous meeting Minutes to be approved via email.

2. **Review of OSM board of directors motions brought to the floor via the email list**

(see Appendix below)

3. **Treasurer's report**

Ryan welcomes Steve to the Acting Treasure role, and provides a brief overview of OSM income and expenses. Steve comments that someone like Marko has helped to control our legal costs. Jacques requests information on current payments, and Steve and Ryan confirms that we are up to date with payments.

4. **Old Business**

none

5. **New Business**

a. **Fund raising ideas**

Jacques introduces a discussion on fund-raising. He emphasises that the board should be looking at various ways to increase fund raising. Ryan agrees that the board should focus more on this. Suggests it would be good for someone to lead the effort, and to start a shared document where we can add ideas and links. Jacques adds that we can tackle smaller tasks

b. **Shop Manager and Capital Committee Chair assignments**

Ryan states the importance of having a new Capital Committee Chair, and a Shop Manager. We will continue to look for suitable candidates. Ryan asks the question if the Capital Committee chair should be filled by an OSM board member. James feels that it would be good that position was filled by a board member, or someone who's been with the project for a decent time. The person would also need the right resources. James adds that it's not a one-person job. Steve further adds that the blog post includes a specific request for people to run for the Capital Committee position.

Jacques mentions that Sandra would be willing to assist with the Shop in the interim, and Robert suggests that we follow up on this. James reminds us that we should build structures that have upgrade paths. We should not only look for a manager, but for a few people to work as a team, so that if someone leaves, another can step in and continue. The board will continue to look for people to fill these positions.

Jacques refers to a proposal we received for the Shop, and suggests that we put out a Request For Comment for community feedback. Due to time-constraints the discussion will continue via email.

c. **Electing new OSM members**

Steve introduces the discussion on nomination of OSM members. Steve will be posting a blogpost to request nominees.

d. **Paid development, measure success**

Robert discusses the current state of paid development. We need to get enough details on this so that we can answer the questions on what OSM is doing with the money, and what's the results. He expresses the view that it's difficult to measure success with the information available.

Javier suggests that Mark is the right person to measure success. Robert feels that we need more details to report back to the community. Steve discusses some perceptions that are out there in the community. Jacques feels that the PLT should guide the board in these questions on the effectiveness of paid development. James adds the opinion that it's good when payment is targeted for specific tasks. Ryan suggests that we move forward on sharing information about Louis' work with the community.

Javier feels that OSM also needs to protect it's contractors from outside attacks, and help the community understand. Steve concludes the discussion by suggesting that there should be further discussions between OSM and the PLT. Ryan will follow up with Mark regarding some of the concerns raised.

e. **Joomla Nights in Sweden**

Robert mentions that our friends in Sweden want to do something new with evening events. More information later.

f. **Collecting feedback on request from PLT**

Ryan refers to the request from the PLT for more paid development hours from Andrew. Steve feels this would be an easy decision. The discussion to moved to email.

g. **Reminder: Thursday meeting with Sarah Clark to present feedback on organization development**

6. **Reports**

a. **Trademark Team**

The board notes the report received from Marko

b. **Demo site**

The board received a report from CloudAccess regarding the Demo Site.

Jacques undertakes to share Analytics details. Steve feels that the board should have further discussion on the Demo Site. Jacques agrees that it is important that the board gain a better understanding of what is happening with that.

c. **General**

Jacques will send Analytics details relating to the traffic coming through to the Contribution page from the new banners.

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

Next meeting: [September 20, 2010 - 20:00 UTC](#)

Reference documents and appendix:

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

MOTION via email: August 9, 2010

Ryan Ozimek: "In an effort to maintain the Board's effectiveness during its search for a new Treasurer, the Board shall appoint Steve Burge as Acting Treasurer of the organization, for a period ending no later than November 1, 2010 or until a new Treasurer has been elected, appointed or qualified, whichever comes first. The Acting Treasurer shall have all the abilities and privileges of the Treasurer, but is only expected to provide his services in a limited role during this interim period."

Motion seconded by Marko Milenovic

5 Votes in favour, none against. Quorum: Yes

Motion passed

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