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Summary of Community-Submitted Questions and Answers

Question: What is the biggest challenge you see for OWASP?

Answer: Moving OWASP from the web into networked applications, evolving into mobile space, evolving into APIs; evolving into meshable frameworks rather than looking at web apps; more collaboration with standard bodies like IEEE; quality control and peer review over projects before they make it into the main wiki.

Question: The mission of OWASP is to make software security visible so that individuals and organizations worldwide can make informed decisions about true software security risks. How do you see OWASP furthering its mission in the next year, and what about in the next five years?

Answer: By marketing and spreading the gospel of OWASP internally and to clients.   Because OWASP was originally intended for software development, OWASP should change direction and move closer to development, inviting more developers aboard and making OWASP more developer-centric rather than security-centric. We should change the way we talk about OWASP and change how we communicate security to executives, maybe more high-level than technical.

Question: If elected, how will you prevent conflicts of interest between OWASP responsibilities and the duties of the organization where you are employed?

Answer: The bylaws require complete and full disclosure, and the Board and the Chairs decide whether there is a conflict of interest. Disclosure is very important.

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