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1. If elected, what would be your top three priorities for your first year on the board?

- (1) Improve the ByLaws, particularly clarifying the governance of the organization, and requiring updates to the ByLaws to be approved by the membership. And as mentioned on the Governance list, I'd also like to make the organization more resistant to takeover by an outside group (historically, votes for the Board of Directors total less than 500). Another idea is to require voting be mandatory to maintain membership.
- (2) Mature the organization by improving the processes and governance. OWASP has been around for a long time, but in many ways, it still feels like a new organization. Additionally, unclear policies has led to misunderstandings and heightened drama. Improving the processes and governance will give the organization an air of professionalism that is sometimes lost currently.
- (3) Improve the customer experience OWASP offers a tremendous amount of knowledge and projects, but it isn't organized well, it is hard to find unless you know the project by name, and overlapping projects waste time and resources.

2. What is your style for dealing with complex situations that may impact many people or where other decision makers hold differing viewpoints?

I am a member of the Tracking Protection Working Group at the W3C and have experienced firsthand how stakeholders on diametrically opposed viewpoints can come together and find common ground (advertising vs. privacy). It requires making sure everyone has an opportunity to provide input and be heard, coming up with several proposals, then making a decision.

3. Describe your experience leading organizations. Were they non-profits or community based? Please explain both your role and the nature of your involvement.

I used to own and operate a small business that had 11 employees and 150 contractors spread throughout North America. As an owner, I was responsible for HR, payroll, complying with local and federal laws, cash flow, business development, marketing, paperwork, taxes, and the numerous other activities that every business must attend to.

4. Describe your most successful contribution to the OWASP community (Project, Chapter, Conference, or other).

I've contributed to a variety of projects over the years, but my most visible contribution was when I hosted the OWASP Bay Area Chapter meeting in August 2012 that had a large turnout (100+) and a lot of positive feedback:

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