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

My top three priorities would be:

- Establish the Community Vote: As OWASP is growing in size and represented by a diverse population, at present there is a risk posed by the Global Board of not considering everyone when making important decisions that could impact the overall community. That's why I think it is crucial to have a tool like the Community Vote which I proposed recently on the leaders mailing list that will allow everyone to participate in shaping the organisation.
- Increase OWASP presence in emerging regions. I believe we need to reinforce our presence in regions like Europe, Latin America, and Asia. That's why I think we need to organise more regional activities like the EU & Latam Tours to build up communities that work together towards a common goal.
- Promote development of new/existing OWASP projects. At the core of OWASP you have the projects and its leaders. Initiatives like the Google Summer of Code where you put OWASP mentors and academia working together in OWASP projects are tremendously important. I would like to cement this relationship between OWASP and universities through collaboration, research grants, etc. Also, I love the idea of having Sprint Projects Summits every few months such as the one being organised in AppSec USA where OWASP leaders could meet-up in person and further develop their projects.

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

I always evaluate the various viewpoints and reconcile any differences trying to find a common ground. I think tools like the Community Vote will definitely help in dealing with these situations because they will represent the majority of the Community.

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

At the moment I have my own information security company which I'm successfully running for the last two years. In addition, I'm involved with OWASP as a volunteer for almost eight years in which I chaired global and regional conferences and events, lead the Ireland-Dublin chapter board, and in the last two years coordinated the OWASP Google Summer of Code team.

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

I've worked in various OWASP activities along these years. Of particular note are:

- Ireland-Dublin Chapter Lead (2010-13): 400% membership increase and hosted regular monthly chapter meetings during this period. Also, we organised with the local team a regional

conference called AppSec Ireland during 2010 and 2012 which proved to be very popular in Ireland/UK.

- Global AppSec EU Chair (2011): More than 300 attendees from all over the world participated in this event organised by the Ireland-Dublin team in conjunction with the Ireland-Limerick chapter.
- Latam (2011-13) & EU (2013) Tour Coordinator: Outreach activity that brought together more than 1300 attendees in this year's Latam edition and around 800 attendees in the first European edition.
- OWASP Google Summer of Code (2012-13) Org Admin: Overall coordination of the OWASP GSOC Team. This year alone we received more than 80 proposals from students across the world, out of which 11 were selected and we had 22 OWASP mentors working with these students in various OWASP projects during the Summer.