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

If elected, my top three priorities will be

- Work on the content of a presentation (clear, concise and accurate) of the OWASP Foundation Strategy. Indeed, explain WHY OWASP is dedicated to the Security Web Applications will/should help clarify and demystify the technical aspects of the subject so that people can find a pragmatic response in their respective ecosystem / business. In doing so, it will establish a more coherent synergy with the "WHAT" about the document repository (ie Guides, Top Ten, Codes, Tools, etc..) which is the initial aim of the Foundation for participants in AppSec Conferences / Chapter meetings.
- Continue working on the Marketing Initiative project, in order to clearly explain what is the real benefit for someone / company to join the OWASP as an official member. This crucial point is related to the previous one, and is a strong and recurring request in our Chapter Meetings.
- Gather inputs and feedback from local Chapters about their main needs, and the way in which the Board can/could help spreading the Voice of OWASP in a more relevant way, to benefit both to local Chapters, to potential members (Individuals, Corporate, Academeics, etc.), so in turn, to the Foundation.

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

"Simplicity is the ultimate sophistication". Leonardo da Vinci

Well, based on this quite simple (and challenging) rule, I am a strong supporter of constructive dialogues and dealing with win-win perspectives, which leads to efficiency. In terms of dialogue, just as also for presentations, my personal feeling is that 1. Significance creates passion, 2. Passion attracts attention, and... 3. Attention leads to action. One cannot avoid having decision makers holding differing viewpoints, that's life, the challenge is to find a right point of balance that could benefit to all.

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'm working for over 20 years on Corporate Security & Fraud management in global and multicultural professional environments, implying different professions and requirements, different goals, different personality profiles, different objectives. I'm also Chapter Leader OWASP France, and the same apply locally for meetings. I am in fact fortunate enough to have such background, both from the private and non-profits ecosystems. I also chaired specific working groups related to Fraud & (AppSec) Security in the private sector, and all of them are community based in my case. I initially decided to volunteer at OWASP because

I'm passionate. The knowledge is wealth, knowledge must flow. I am pleased to modestly serve this need.

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

I initially contributed to "start" the Translation project, when I translated (alone) the first version of the OWASP Top Ten in 2003. I continue to translate this important document since then, and I make it a point to try to deliver a quality translation as project lead for the French translation. But of course, the creation of the French Chapter is also a great success! Although modest, our Chapter is real and appreciated in France. Modest wasp I am... but wasp I am;-)

"Do what you can, where you are, with what you have." Theodore Roosevelt