

Software Underground

Board Meeting

27 October 2022

Minutes are recorded in green.

Agenda

We will start at 16.00 UTC on Thursday 27 October. Quorum is 5.

Chair: The chair is Leo Uieda.

Regrets: Matt

Present: Leo, Dieter, Rowan, Brendon, Chance, Jo, Luisa

Visiting:

Previous meeting

The previous meeting minutes are here:

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1UecDof7z9aS UWJ13obJC01GH2EzsjW4-WKFVr-6oSh0/edit#>

The document is also on GitHub:

<https://github.com/softwareunderground/swung-org/blob/main/board>

The previous meeting was not recorded, but there are some recording of board meetings (potentially stored for only 6-12 months)

<https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLgLft9vxdduAf4YkO38K9CCjzJnBdsegM>

Remarks:

- **None**

Proposals

After the Swung Day meetup, Matt adapted Leo's original Plausible proposal and took input from the NumPy NEP templates, to make a template for Swung project proposals:

https://github.com/softwareunderground/swung-org/blob/main/proposals/00_Template.md

The board was asked to look over this in September, but really we probably need to see it in action. Perhaps Leo will use it to propose the support of 3rd party events by Swung [see below].

Any thoughts on this so far?

Remarks:

- **Jo: Should there be a separate group from the board to approve proposals?**
- **Dieter: Read me for the proposal acceptance process:**
 - <https://github.com/softwareunderground/swung-org/tree/main/proposals>
 - **Need to specify the scope and conditions.**
- Tell people about the process.

Swung support for events

The last item leads to the idea of supporting members' own events with merchandise, as discussed here: <https://swung.slack.com/archives/C0138FEJRUZ/p1666079218791179>

We could possibly also offer some help or advice with planning events, build on this maybe: <https://hackmd.io/dUYWLDDISnOwjEVAwdZKJg>

Suggest Leo uses the proposal template to lay out what kind of support would be appreciated by his event. Something up to about \$500 of support seems realistic. (Rough guide: shirts are generally about \$20 and stickers about \$5.)

Remarks:

- **Agreed.**
- **Dieter: It would be great to have events again.**
- **Jo: Seed for a larger conversation about the future of Transform. ([OSGeo:UK](#) - nice template for a distributed/hybrid conference; Jo can report on how it goes)**
- **Chance: Have a template letter to help people convince their employers that it's worth attending an event like this. Get Matt to write this.**

Plausible

We committed to reviewing Plausible at either this meeting or the next one (see final item re date of this meeting). Leo would take the lead on this discussion. The idea is to check the current cost, the capacity, and see if the project is still meeting the needs of the relevant members, and of Swung.

Remarks:

- **Questions about how members' projects can sign up - via proposals?**
- **TODO: Advertise with member/project resources/benefits!**

YouTube content

Dieter and Mariana G were looking into options for serving our video content in China. [Held over from September to discuss when Dieter is here.]

Remarks:

- **Dieter: Careful to invest a lot of time since new platforms may be blocked. Keep on the radar for next Transform.**
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Swung Journal / Curvenote

From Rowan [<https://swung.slack.com/archives/C0138FEJRUZ/p1666757279776009>]

I was hoping to add a agenda item on the transform content and/or some ideas about the [#swung-journal](#). [@stevejpurves](#) and I have started supporting a few other society journals with Curvenote that are interested in publishing computational articles and interactive content (in addition to standard PDF docs etc.). Earlier this year [@stevejpurves](#) (mostly) mocked up some of the content for curating and showing off [transform](#), and this week I have been toying with what a next version of that site/journal might look like.

As a bit of a visual update that I can talk through in the meeting tomorrow, I put together a video walkthrough and a few example articles based on updated versions of [@stevejpurves](#), [@lindsey](#) and my leading edge tutorials.

<https://www.loom.com/share/7378b98d223a48b19f0cc48ee1c49938>

In going through this, it was nice to be able to update some of the tutorial content to refresh it (python 2.7 --> 3 and octave --> python) and I would love to properly showcase the

transform content, and use this as a chance to experiment in interactive science communication.

Suggest the board listens to Rowan and makes suggestions enabling him to put a proposal together.

Remarks:

- **Examples of content publishing in Curvenote:**
<https://seminars.simpeg.xyz/seminars>
<https://transform.softwareunderground.org/overview>
- **Examples of the machine learning community doing this:** <https://distill.pub/>
(they gave up recently because of the workload)
- **The Leading Edge tutorials are maybe a way to start?**
- **Experience of Volcanica**
- **If it's a special edition rather than a regular publication schedule, does that make it even harder to achieve traction for new research submissions? (perverse credit incentives)**
- **Proposal: Work more on the Transform content and make it possible to submit. Rowan will put something together to submit as a proposal.**

Any other business

- See below regarding date of next meeting. Next meeting
- **Thursday 24 November at 16.00 UTC. Invites already sent. But this is Thanksgiving in the US, so suggest we move to 1 December instead. Feedback on the date is welcome.**
 - **Agreed. Please update the SwUng Calendar.**

Parking lot / next meeting

These items will go into the next board meeting(s):

- **Matt still needs to update the tech spreadsheet:**
<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1mNAGEgQNvfZem5zY38u9etn200aFWbE2zJLcMEdiL4Y/edit?usp=sharing>

- Check the status of receipt for Swung membership/donations (so it can potentially be deducted / charged to the employer like the membership of other professional societies).
- pyOpenSci is restarting and wants to work with SwUng. Leah Wasser is leading it and on SwUng.