

Software Underground

Board Meeting

25 March 2021

Minutes are recorded in green.

Agenda

We will start at 16.00 UTC on Thursday 25 March. Quorum is 5.

Regrets: Filippo, Jo, Brendon

Present: Matt, Luisa, Leiaka, Dieter, Steve, Olawale, Julio, Chance

Visiting: Martin Bentley

Previous meeting

The minutes from the previous meeting are on GDocs here >

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1zA7qnJ26aDyDxQIAAcsbcjQvpDjMQ2_xS7ljfyPSSnQ/edit#

...and on GitHub here >

<https://github.com/softwareunderground/swung-org/tree/master/board>

Remarks: None.

Finance

The finances did not change after I uploaded the reports in February. I will report those numbers at the AGM.

We are getting a good rate of donations, though it has slowed a bit in March.

Remarks: None.

Update: TRANSFORM

Update from Matt.

Remarks: Things are progressing as expected. Excited about the space Martin is building.

Update: Studio X sponsorship

Studio X agreed to sponsor TRANSFORM at \$5000. They will also host a room in the Gather space at TRANSFORM. I explained that I believe an interactive room will be (much) more engaging than just trying to give people info, but we'll see how it goes. I will show them the Gather space next week hopefully so they can start to understand the environment.

Remarks: [relevant conversation on slack #viz channel](#)

Update: Northern Lights CCS data challenge

Chance, Luisa and Matt have met a couple of times with Valeria Høigjelle at Equinor. The plan is to hold an open meeting next Wednesday 31 March to plan out what a Northern Lights hackathon project might look like. Hoping we get some good interest from the community.

Remarks: <https://data.equinor.com/dataset/NorthernLights>

Steve: probably needs more data. **Matt:** I don't understand data access in Norway - it's open but you have to pay for access.

Conclusion: see how it goes at TRANSFORM.

Meet Olawale and Julio

Remarks: None.

Olawale subsequently joined the board. Júlio declined to join for the time being, having recently started some other commitments.

Update: AWS sponsorship & 2i2c

Update from Steve and Filippo.

Remarks: Still accepting applications, please spread the word everyone.

Question about 'affiliates'

This is about growing our reach and impact.

What are some tangible ways in which Software Underground can support sister projects like:

- Organizations like GeoLatinas and Black in Geoscience
- Grassroots software projects like segysak
- Organized software projects like GemPy and Devito

I feel like we have some leverage, and we'd like to build more leverage, and can direct attention, action, funds, frameworks... and other things to these groups. What's a good approach to ensuring that these conversations happen?

For example, how can we highlight some of these projects on our website and in social media?

Remarks

Steve: what are the challenges people are facing? E.g. Could we help people find legal advice? Do people need help finding users? Is it moral support?

Dieter: Swung doesn't have to build a platform.

Luisa: would a journal help with reach and impact?

Matt: How can we be a NumFocus for subsurface?

Luisa: GeoLatinas does English practice. Perhaps there's a way to get involved with that? Leiaka: Coding sessions could help with the human language development too?

Any other business

Please raise it.

Next meeting

You should have received an invitation for April. Is this time still okay?

Parking lot / next meeting

These items will go into the next board meeting(s), along with those things we committed to revisit, such as the anti-racism list.