

## Software Underground

# Board Meeting

29 April 2021

Minutes are recorded in green.

## Agenda

**We will start at 16.00 UTC on Thursday 29 April. Quorum is 5.**

**Regrets: Chance, Olawale, Filippo**

**Present: Steve, Matt, Dieter, Luisa, Jo, Brendon, Leiaka**

**Visiting: Brian**

## Previous meeting

The minutes from the previous meeting are on GDocs here >

[https://docs.google.com/document/d/15\\_6k1F8Z0KgHCy8KKvIbDv24kE\\_SY\\_E9puGXUDoVKw/edit?usp=sharing](https://docs.google.com/document/d/15_6k1F8Z0KgHCy8KKvIbDv24kE_SY_E9puGXUDoVKw/edit?usp=sharing)

...and on GitHub here >

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

## Remarks:

## Annual general meeting and annual filing

Software Underground is 1 year old today (as a non-profit anyway).

We held the annual general meeting last week at TRANSFORM. Agenda:

<https://swu.ng/agm-2021>

There were 126 voting members at the time, 36 of whom were in attendance. Of those present, 29–30 voted, passing two items unanimously:

- Approved the adoption of By-Law #1 (29 for, 0 against)
- Approved the current board (30 for, 0 against)

Several board members were not voting members of the society... hopefully everyone has fixed that now.

Matt has updated the board on Corporations Canada:

<https://www.ic.gc.ca/app/scr/cc/CorporationsCanada/fdrlCrpDtls.html?corpId=12030543>

### Remarks:

**Dieter: only 25% of the membership were there, for future reference.**

## Voting

There was a question raised by Tony Hallam after AGM — are only **present** members able to vote, or **all** members? In fact, the By-Law (which had not been adopted at the time of the first vote) states that we'll use Consensus to agree things, which basically means that you debate until there are no more objections: if none, then pass. So in future we can try that.

The By-Law states that if consensus cannot be reached, then we move to a vote of those present. So we need a way to do that in Jitsi (or wherever) that has a similar amount of rigour to OpaVote — one vote per member, well-curated results, etc.

**Remarks: In conclusion, next time we'll use Consensus for decisions. If we need a note, we need to gather emails only from those present. We can't just send out to the member list.**

## Update: TRANSFORM

Update from Matt:

<https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/17SSvp8-rzuK1UA5CPoOc3FIAIXA0KwKUAyxaNYgo-Q/edit?usp=sharing>

**Remarks: I added some remarks to this review document**

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1LqRaYTWpJxXazMEhaDrkBdkifsssHAwUz7wWA6vAFa0/edit#>

**Brendon: Gather may be better suited to shorter events. Matt: Perhaps a short event is like being at a party (fun), an 8-day event is like moving in with people (awkward).**

**Dieter: were there not 17 hackathon projects, as listed in the GitHub discussion?**

**Matt: I don't think all of those ran. [Fillipo would know, he was not present.]**

## Update: Northern Lights CCS data challenge

This was a small project at the hackathon. Disappointingly there was no participation from Equinor themselves.

We compiled:

- A survey of the files and formats in the repo
- Several notebooks, code snippets etc to read the data in more useful formats:  
<https://github.com/softwareunderground/northern-lights>
- A recommendation document regarding the licence:  
<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1nyKG3UoxcsFk9dAjjZSPm1GTcJezowq7xt3ur6V7vt0/edit>

Next step is to get back with Equinor to see what they want to do next. Realistically, it'd need another work session to get anything resembling the benchmark dataset we were aiming for.

### Remarks:

**Jo: What are the lessons learned? Matt: good question, may be too early to know.**

**Luisa: Would software company lawyers know more about the legal aspects of licensing? Steve: maybe dGB has a lawyer we could borrow? Brendon: we need to find those lawyers.**

## Supporting projects

There was some chat at TRANSFORM about this, especially in the post-event chat in the Chateau.

Matt proposes surveying the various projects (GemPy, Fatiando, Devito, etc) to see if there's an appetite for \*hiring\* a temporary/intern student or ECR to take on a shared role across multiple projects. The scope would be helping with:

- Continuous integration function.
- Documentation builds, formatting, etc.
- GitHub repo maintenance, CONTRIBUTING, etc.
- Scoping out what else could be done.

The thought was that this could be done for the summer holiday in the Southern hemisphere (starting in Nov/Dec), potentially continuing into summer 2022. The model is Google's Summer of Code program.

First steps:

1. Survey the projects for interest.
2. Formulate a budget.
3. Select the projects and scope.
4. Find some candidates.

### Remarks:

**Dieter:** must remember it's not just a question of funding this, but of supervising the student. Also, could students write their own proposals?

**Dieter:** to find projects, should make it a call for ideas, keep it open, see what the projects say they want/need.

**Steve:** we need to grow our impact, this seems like a good way.

**Dieter:** Swung should also be a good citizen WRT paying for Jitsi, contributing to projects, etc. **Matt:** there is a commercial offering that donates to Jitsi (dev time I think), called 8x8 Meet, see <https://meet.jit.si/>

## Any other business

**Please raise it.**

- Steve - Would like to check in on the Curvenote @swung team which people have been using and revisit the request for support.

**Steve:** Want to add Swung as a Team officially. Can we put on the Agenda for next time?

**Dieter:** this is connected to the technology audit, admins, logins, email addresses, etc.

## Next meetings

**I will send out invitations for the next meetings:**

**16:00UTC on Friday 28 May <<< Note this is a Friday**

**16:00UTC on Thursday 24 June**

**16:00UTC on Thursday 29 July**

## Parking lot / next meeting

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