# **About The Open Web Application Security Project**

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#### The OWASP Foundation

The OWASP Foundation came online on December 1st 2001 (http://wayback.archive.org/web/\*/http://www.owasp.org) it was established as a not-for-profit charitable organization in the United States on April 21, 2004 to ensure the ongoing availability and support for our work at OWASP. OWASP is an international organization and the OWASP Foundation supports OWASP efforts around the world. OWASP is an open community dedicated to enabling organizations to conceive, develop, acquire, operate, and maintain applications that can be trusted. All of the OWASP tools, documents, forums, and chapters are free and open to anyone interested in improving application security. We advocate approaching application security as a people, process, and technology problem because the most effective approaches to application security include improvements in all of these areas. We can be found at www.owasp.org.

OWASP is a new kind of organization. Our freedom from commercial pressures allows us to provide unbiased, practical, cost-effective information about application security. OWASP is not affiliated with any technology company, although we support the informed use of commercial security technology. Similar to many open-source software projects, OWASP produces many types of materials in a collaborative and open way. The OWASP Foundation is a not-for-profit entity that ensures the project's long-term success.



(http://www.linkedin.com/companies/owasp)

#### **OWASP Foundation Bylaws**

The business of the OWASP Foundation Inc. is outlined in the organizational by-laws (http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/By-law). These by-laws govern the organization worldwide and allow the participants to understand the established process for doing so.

**OWASP Foundation ByLaws** 

OWASP EU Foundation ByLaws (English Translation) (https://www.owasp.org/images/9/90/126741\_OWASP\_vzw\_modelstatuten\_v0.9\_EN\_REV.pdf)

Local Chapter ByLaws

### **Core Values**

**OPEN** Everything at OWASP is radically transparent from our finances to our code.

INNOVATION OWASP encourages and supports innovation and experiments for solutions to

software security challenges.

**GLOBAL** Anyone around the world is encouraged to participate in the OWASP community.

**INTEGRITY** OWASP is an honest and truthful, vendor neutral, global community.

## **Core Purpose**

Be the thriving global community that drives visibility and evolution in the safety and security of the world's software.

#### **Code of Ethics**

Each of us is expected to behave according to the principles contained in the following Code of Ethics. Breaches of the Code of Ethics may result in the foundation taking disciplinary action. Membership Revocation (https://www.owasp.org/index.php/Membership\_Revocation)

- Perform all professional activities and duties in accordance with all applicable laws and the highest ethical principles;
- Promote the implementation of and promote compliance with standards, procedures, controls for application security;
- Maintain appropriate confidentiality of proprietary or otherwise sensitive information encountered in the course of professional activities;
- Discharge professional responsibilities with diligence and honesty;
- To communicate openly and honestly;
- Refrain from any activities which might constitute a conflict of interest or otherwise damage the reputation of employers, the information security profession, or the Association;
- To maintain and affirm our objectivity and independence;
- To reject inappropriate pressure from industry or others;
- Not intentionally injure or impugn the professional reputation of practice of colleagues, clients, or employers;
- Treat everyone with respect and dignity; and
- To avoid relationships that impair or may appear to impair OWASP's objectivity and independence.

### **Principles**

- Free & Open
- Governed by rough consensus & running code
- Abide by a code of ethics (see ethics)
- Not-for-profit
- Not driven by commercial interests
- Risk based approach

## 2017 Elected by Membership, Global Board Members

OWASP Board History (https://www.owasp.org/index.php/OWASP\_Board\_History)



#### **Matt Konda Chair**

The Chairman of the Board shall serve as the principal executive officer of the Foundation. • Fiduciary responsibilities: He/She shall, in general, supervise and control all of the business and affairs of the Foundation. He/She will monitor financial planning and financial reports He/She or he may sign, with the Secretary or any other proper officer of the Foundation thereunto

authorized by the Board of Directors, any deeds, mortgages, bonds, contracts, or other instruments which the Board of Directors has authorized to be executed, except in cases where the signing and execution thereof shall be expressly delegated by the Board of Directors or by these Bylaws to some other officer or agent of the Foundation, or shall be required by law to be otherwise signed or executed; • Leadership and Direction: provides leadership to the Board of Directors with regards to policy setting and strategic planning. He/She helps guide and mediate board actions with respect to organizational priorities and governance concerns, and in general shall perform all duties incident to the office of Chairman of the Board subject to the control of the Board of Directors. • Organizational Responsibilities: He/She plays a leading role in fundraising activities, formally evaluate the performance of the Foundation Director and informally evaluate the effectiveness of the board members. An annual, overall evaluation of the performance of the organization in achieving its mission will be accomplished. He or she shall, when present, preside at all meetings of the Board of Directors, unless otherwise delegated, and such other duties as may be prescribed by the Board of Directors from time to time



#### Johanna Curiel Vice Chair

performs Chair responsibilities when the Chair cannot be available, works closely with Chair and other Board Members, participates closely with Chair to develop and implement officer transition plans, performs other responsibilities as assigned by the Board.



#### **Tom Brennan Secretary**

maintains records of the board and ensures effective management of organization's records, manages minutes of board meetings, ensures minutes are distributed shortly after each meeting, is sufficiently familiar with legal documents (articles, bylaws, IRS letters, etc.) to note applicability during meetings; is the custodian of the corporate records and of the seal of the

Foundation and see that the seal of the Foundation is affixed to all documents, the execution of which on behalf of the Foundation under its seal is duly authorized; keeps a register of the post office

address of each Director which shall be furnished to the Secretary by such Director; and, in general perform all duties incident to the office of the Secretary and such other duties as from time to time may be assigned to him by the Chairman of the Board or by the Board.



#### Andrew van der Stock Treasurer

Treasurer manages finances of the organization, administers fiscal matters of the organization, provides annual budget to the board for member's approval, ensures development and board review of financial policies and procedures.



#### Josh Sokol Member at Large

regularly attends board meetings and important related meetings, volunteers for and willingly accepts assignments and completes them thoroughly and on time, stays informed about committee matters, prepares themselves well for meetings, and reviews and comments on minutes and reports, gets to know other committee members and builds a collegial working relationship that

contributes to consensus, is an active participant in the committee's annual evaluating and planning efforts, participates in fundraising for the organization



#### **Michael Coates Member at Large**

regularly attends board meetings and important related meetings, volunteers for and willingly accepts assignments and completes them thoroughly and on time, stays informed about committee matters, prepares themselves well for meetings, and reviews and comments on minutes and reports, gets to know other committee members and builds a collegial working relationship that

contributes to consensus, is an active participant in the committee's annual evaluating and planning efforts, participates in fundraising for the organization



#### **Tobias Gondrom Member at Large**

regularly attends board meetings and important related meetings, volunteers for and willingly accepts assignments and completes them thoroughly and on time, stays informed about committee matters, prepares themselves well for meetings, and reviews and comments on minutes and reports, gets to know other committee members and builds a collegial working relationship that

contributes to consensus, is an active participant in the committee's annual evaluating and planning

efforts, participates in fundraising for the organization

### **Employees and Contractors**



Operations Director: Kate Hartmann (https://www.owasp.org/index.php/User:Kate\_Hartmann)

- Based in Maryland USA
- Key areas of responsibility: general community requests, data management, event registration admin, community newsletter
- Job Description: OWASP Operations Director (https://www.owasp.org /index.php/OWASP\_Jobs/Operations\_Director)



**Community Manager: Tiffany Long (http://www.owasp.org)** 

- Based in San Francisco
- Key areas of responsibility: Attracting, motivating and retaining volunteers and security professionals to contribute to OWASP Projects and the OWASP Chapter community; Mobilize volunteers to help address security issues in large software systems/applications/frameworks; Strengthening OWASP

Chapters and abilities to spread message of OWASP through locally organized and run events; Building a scalable OWASP training program that spreads security training to developers around the world. Job Description: OWASP Community Manager (https://www.owasp.org/index.php/OWASP\_Jobs/Community\_Manager)



Membership and Business Liaison: Kelly Santalucia (https://www.owasp.org/index.php/User:Kelly\_Santalucia)

- Based in New Jersey USA
- Key areas of responsibility: Individual and Corporate Memberships, Sponsorships, Co-Marketing Agreements, Advertising, Election, and Waspy Awards
- Job Description: OWASP Membership & Business Liaison (https://www.owasp.org/index.php/OWASP\_Jobs

/Membership\_and\_Business\_Liaison)



## Event Manager: Laura Grau (https://www.owasp.org/index.php/User:Laura\_Grau)

- Based in Bay Area, California USA
- Key areas of responsibility: Global AppSec Conference planning, execution, and wrap up; management of OWASP event policies
- Job Description: OWASP Event Manager (https://www.owasp.org/index.php /OWASP\_Jobs/Event\_Manager)



## Senior Project Coordinator: Matt Tesauro (https://www.owasp.org/index.php/User:Mtesauro)

- Based in Texas USA
- Key areas of responsibility: Senior Project Coordinator is responsible for setting the direction and oversight of the OWASP Projects operational infrastructure that provides support to the project leaders within the OWASP Organization. This position includes oversight of the operational processes, policies, and procedures that enables OWASPs Project Leaders and

contributors to successfully run their open source software projects. This role is not responsible for project management of individual OWASP Projects within the OWASP Project infrastructure.

■ Job Description: [1] (https://www.owasp.org/images/a/a1/OWASP\_Project\_Coordinator-FabioTobiasAug25.pdf)



## Project Coordinator: Claudia Aviles-Casanovas (https://www.owasp.org/index.php/User:Claudia\_casanovas)

- Based in New Jersey, USA
- Key areas of responsibility: Oversight of the OWASP Projects operational infrastructure that provides support to the project leaders within the OWASP Organization.
- Job Description: OWASP Project Coordinator (https://www.owasp.org/images /a/a1/OWASP\_Project\_Coordinator-FabioTobiasAug25.pdf)

#### Accounting: Alison Shrader (https://www.owasp.org/index.php/User:Alison\_McNamee)

- Based in Maryland USA
- Key areas of responsibility: bookkeeping and account management, payments (incoming and outgoing)
- Job Description: OWASP Accounting (https://www.owasp.org/index.php/OWASP\_Jobs



/Finance\_and\_Accounting)

Administrative Assistant: Dawn Aitken (https://www.owasp.org/index.php/User:Dawn\_Aitken)



- Based in New Jersey USA
- Key areas of responsibility: Customer service and data management.
- Job Description: Administrative Assistant (https://www.owasp.org/images /e/e8/OWASPOperationsAdmin.pdf)



Graphic Design: Hugo Costa (https://www.owasp.org/index.php/User:Hugo\_Costa) (Contractor)

- Based in Portugal
- Key areas of responsibility: Graphic Design
- Job Description: OWASP Graphic Designer (https://www.owasp.org/index.php /OWASP\_Jobs/Graphic\_Designer)



#### IT Admin

- Based in TBD
- Key areas of responsibility: Domain name and server admin, mediawiki and mailman support, documentation of foundation technical workflows
- Job Description: IT Administrator (https://www.owasp.org/index.php /ITSupport)

Additional staff and HR info (https://www.owasp.org/index.php/About\_OWASP/HR)

## **Meeting Minutes**

The OWASP Foundation Board meets monthly.

Board meeting minutes for the record.

Global Initiatives Meetings (https://docs.google.com/folder/d/0B5Z9zE0hx0LNZ0pqZC1QWWRTM28/edit)

## **Operational Procedures**

Standard Operations Procedures (SOP) (https://www.owasp.org/index.php/About\_OWASP /Operational-Procedures)

## Licensing

All OWASP materials are available under an approved FLOSS license. For more information, please see the **OWASP Licenses** page.

## Participation and Membership

Everyone is welcome to participate in our forums (https://lists.owasp.org/mailman/listinfo), projects, chapters, and conferences. OWASP is a fantastic place to learn about application security, to network, and even to build your reputation as an expert.

If you find the OWASP materials valuable, please consider supporting our cause by becoming an OWASP member. All monies received by the OWASP Foundation go directly into supporting OWASP projects.

For more information, please see the **Membership** page.

### **Projects**

OWASP's projects cover many aspects of application security. We build documents, tools, teaching environments, guidelines, checklists, and other materials to help organizations improve their capability to produce secure code.

For details on all the OWASP projects, please see the **OWASP Project** page.

## **Privacy Policy**

Given OWASP's mission to help organizations with application security, you have the right to expect protection of any personal information that we might collect about our members.

In general, we do not require authentication or ask visitors to reveal personal information when visiting our website. We collect Internet addresses, not the e-mail addresses, of visitors solely for use in calculating various website statistics.

We may ask for certain personal information, including name and email address from persons downloading OWASP products. This information is not divulged to any third party and is used only for the purposes of:

- Communicating urgent fixes in the OWASP Materials
- Seeking advice and feedback about OWASP Materials
- Inviting participation in OWASP's consensus process and AppSec conferences

OWASP publishes a list of member organizations and individual members. Listing is purely voluntary and "opt-in." Listed members can request not to be listed at any time.

All information about you or your organization that you send us by fax or mail is physically protected. If you have any questions or concerns about our privacy policy, please contact us at Submit a Inquiry (http://sl.owasp.org/contactus)

## **Membership or Donations**

If you are interested in joining OWASP as a member, or donating funds for OWASP's efforts, please check out the OWASP Membership Page.

The OWASP Foundation is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization headquartered in Bel Air, MD. Our federal ID number for donations is: #20-0963503. We also have a European Entity (https://www.owasp.org/index.php/Europe) - OWASP Europe VZW, based in Belgium.

## Tax Deductability of Payments to OWASP

OWASP membership fees, OWASP conferences fees, OWASP conference sponsorships, and advertising opportunities (https://www.owasp.org/index.php/Advertising) are not considered tax-deductible donations due to the benefits the paying organization/individual receives. Direct donations (https://www.owasp.org/index.php/Donate) to OWASP are fully tax-deductible given OWASP's recognized U.S. not-for-profit status. OWASP's U.S. Employer Identification Number (EIN) is: 20-0963503.

## **Audited Financial Statements**

OWASP Foundation Audited Financial Statement - 2013 (https://www.owasp.org/images

/a/a2/The%2BOWASP%2BFoundation%2C%2BInc.%2Band%2BAffiliate%2BDecember%2B31%2C%2B2013%2BFinancial%2BStatements.pdf)

OWASP Foundation Audited Financial Statement - 2010 (https://www.owasp.org/images /7/72/Audit\_Report.pdf).

OWASP Foundation Audited Financial Statement - 2007 (https://www.owasp.org/images/9/94/OWASP\_Audit\_Report\_2007.pdf).

## Form 990 Documents

Form 990 & 990T OWASP Foundation – 2015 (https://www.owasp.org/images /8/8a/THE\_OWASP\_FOUNDATION\_INC.\_2015\_FORM\_990\_-\_CLIENT\_COPY.pdf)

Form 990 & 990T OWASP Foundation – 2014 (https://www.owasp.org/images /f/f3/The\_Owasp\_Foundation\_Inc.\_December\_31\_2014\_Tax\_Return\_-\_Form\_990T\_Paper\_Filing\_Copy\_and\_Filing\_Instruction\_s.pdf)

Form 990-OWASP Foundation-2013 (https://www.owasp.org/index.php /File:Federal\_Tax\_Return\_990\_public\_inspection\_cop\_144599420.pdf) and Form 990T-OWASP Foundation-2013 (https://www.owasp.org/images /2/27/Federal\_Tax\_Return\_990T\_Public\_Inspection\_Co\_144598865.pdf)

Form 990 OWASP Foundation – 2012 (https://www.owasp.org/images /0/0d/OWASP\_Foundation\_990-2012.pdf) and Form 990T OWASP Foundation – 2012 (https://www.owasp.org/images/5/5f/OWASP\_990T\_2012.pdf)

Form 990 & 990T OWASP Foundation – 2011 (https://www.owasp.org/images /9/9b/2011\_Tax\_Return.pdf)

Form 990 & 990T OWASP Foundation – 2010 (https://www.owasp.org/images /0/06/2010\_Tax\_Return.pdf)

Form 990 & 990T OWASP Foundation – 2009 (https://www.owasp.org/images/d/d8/2009\_Form\_990.pdf)

Form 990 & 990T OWASP Foundation – 2008 (https://www.owasp.org/images/d/de/2008\_Tax\_Return.pdf)

Form 990 & 990T OWASP Foundation – 2007 (https://www.owasp.org/images /5/57/2007\_Form\_990.pdf)

Form 990 & 990T OWASP Foundation – 2006 (https://www.owasp.org/images/e/ef/2006\_Tax\_Return.pdf)

Form 990 & 990T OWASP Foundation – 2005 (http://204.203.220.33/EINS/200963503/200963503\_2005\_026A3A51.PDF)

## **Annual Reports**

Fiscal Year 2014 Annual Report (https://www.owasp.org/images /7/7e/2014\_OWASP\_Annual\_Report\_Final.pdf)

Fiscal Year 2013 Annual Report (http://wiki.owasp.org/images/8/8f/2013-Annual-Report.pdf)

## **Annual Budgets**

OWASP Foundation Budget - 2015 (https://drive.google.com/file/d/0BxjNZI6rYJRKbnBlaHM3LTU2ckk/view?usp=sharing)

OWASP Foundation Budget - 2014 (https://www.owasp.org/images/a/ac/2014\_Budget\_FINAL.pdf)

OWASP Foundation Budget - 2013 (https://www.owasp.org/images/6/6d/2013\_Budget\_-\_Final.pdf)

OWASP Foundation Budget - 2012 (https://docs.google.com/a/owasp.org/spreadsheet /ccc?key=0AhI4iTO\_QojvdFRTX1ZvUHU5U1N3WVRGNm56cDlOM1E#gid=0)

OWASP Foundation - Global Committee Budgets - 2011 (https://www.owasp.org/index.php/Global\_Committee\_Budgets/2011)

## **Other Financial Documents**

OWASP Foundation 2014 W9 (https://www.owasp.org/images/c/c3/2014\_OWASP\_W9.pdf)

OWASP Foundation Proof of Tax Exempt Status (https://www.owasp.org/images /2/24/IRS501c3DeterminationLetter.pdf)

NY State Tax Exemption Certificate (https://www.owasp.org/images/e/eb/NY\_Exempt\_Organization\_Certificate.pdf)

OWASP Foundation - Monthly P & L Reports (https://www.owasp.org/index.php/About\_OWASP /Financial\_Transparency/P\_and\_L\_Statements)

## **Contacting OWASP**

The easiest way to contact the OWASP Foundation is via e-mail. If you have a question concerning a particular project, we **strongly** recommend using the mailing list (https://lists.owasp.org/mailman /listinfo) for that project. Many questions can also be answered by searching (https://www.owasp.org/google/results.html) the OWASP web site, so please check there first.

Our global address for general correspondence and faxes can be sent to our physical office address, to the attention of Kate Hartmann, at:

OWASP Foundation 1200-C Agora Drive, #232 Bel Air, MD 21014

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Contact Us (http://sl.owasp.org/contactus)
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The European correspondence address is below. More information is available on the OWASP Europe page.

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Belgium
+1 951-692-7703 (tel)
Contact Us (http://sl.owasp.org/contactus)

OWASP Norway Chapter
Entity Record (http://w2.brreg.no/enhet/sok/detalj.jsp?orgnr=994253085)
v/kåre Presttun
c/o Mnemonic as
Wergelandsveien 25
0167 OSLO
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Want to chat on IRC? The official #owasp channel is now live on http://irc.freenode.net! Come on in and chat with us!

For more information, please see the pages listed below:

- Contributions for details about how to make contributions
- Advertising if you're interested in advertising on the OWASP site
- How OWASP Works for more information about projects and governance
- OWASP brand usage rules for information about using the OWASP brand
- About OWASP Presentation (Google Docs) (https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/10wi1EWFCPZwCpkB6qZaBNN8mR2XfQs8sLxcj9SCsP6c/edit?pref=2&pli=1#slide=id.p4)

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