Ronin By-Laws Team Meeting

18 July 2024 / 5:00 PM Mountain Time / 6:00 PM Central Time /

Zoom link: https://cuboulder.zoom.us/j/93755291983

Attendees

Ruth Duerr, Carolyn Sealfon, Elena Fujiwara, Rami Saydjari, Tom Buckholtz, Jorrit Poelen (joined late)

Agenda:

Discuss draft revisions

21 June 2024 / 5:00 PM Mountain Time / 6:00 PM Central Time /

Join Zoom Meeting

https://cuboulder.zoom.us/j/93755291983 - note the link change….

Meeting ID: 991 9608 1439

Attendees

Ruth Duerr, Tom Buckholtz, Jovita De Loatch, Keith Tse, Rami Saydjari, Rebecca Koskela, Carolyn Sealfon, Elena Fujiwara, Nick Jackson,

Agenda

- Any new additions to the group? (Keith Tse -- great to have him here)
- Pro bono lawyer status - Elena has been working on this - has signed up with an organization (taprootplus)

  Jovita has a name in NJ also - need to have standing to proceed (probono.org)

  Would also like to know more about what is needed for grant management & what happened
- By-laws hosting discussion
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- - - What about disagreements? A process would address this (ie needs to be able to support a process)
    - Options
      - Google docs?
      - GitHub?
      - Loomio? - Too expensive
      - Google Docs + Github + Software Heritage Library = tracking/version Google Docs with archive on https://softwareheritage.org (example: https;//github.com/jhpoelen/ronin .
      - Google Docs + Github + Internet archive + Zenodo
    - Initital position is to start with Google Docs (Rebecca will move to GitHub and Ruth to go with Zenodo)
    - Motion is carried to above the above bullet
- What do other relevant by-laws look like (everyone volunteers to investigate one on the By-Laws_list and report back to the group at an upcoming meeting)
  - How about dividing up the various sections of the by-laws? After we figure out what the sections need to be.
  - Critical gap in current by-laws is the role of members
  - Status of what was learned by other by-law examples
    - Neuromatch example from Nick - separate financial from community organization - emphasis on members; ex, changing the Board or removing scholars would require a meeting of the membership
    - What are the other structures beyond the Board and members? Volunteers? Affiliates?
    - Democracy
    - How to deal with the membership issue? What is the legal definition of "member"?
    - US vs international scholars & how to deal with this in a transparent and equitable way
    - Dues could also be covered by volunteer activities instead of just money
  - Suggestion of letting Dana know that Ruth is willing to become a Board member - it probably needs to come from someone Dana knows - Tom will meet with Ruth tomorrow afternoon (6/22)
- Next meeting? Will be a 90 minute meeting rather than 60 meeting - every other week - would Thursdays work - still have problems for some - will need dates as well as days - Thursdays at 5pm MDT? 18 July 5pm MDT is the next meeting

- Send email to Ruth to let her know that you're willing to talk about your contribution re: by-laws next time

07 June 2024 / 5:00 PM Mountain Time / 6:00 PM Central Time / Zoom https://cuboulder.zoom.us/j/99196081439

Attendees

Ruth Duerr, Jorrit Poelen, Elena Fujiwara, Jovita De Loatch, Anne Thessen, Carolyn Sealfon, Rebecca Koskela, Rami Saydjari, Nick J,

Regrets

Daniel Mietchen, Paola Di Maio (sent regrets via email to G group)

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Notes

- Jovita: study the law, film company, nonprofit, film and tv audits; joined 2015; use intelligent language models to understand how the law is used

- Really only got through agenda item #1 in the hour we had; we had a brief discussion of the homework for item #3 and skipped item #2 completely and still ran over our hour!

Action Items

1. All - pick some organization or group to investigate for by-laws impact/ideas for Ronin (see By-Laws list) to report out at the next meeting