

Software in the Public Interest, Inc.
2013-2014 Annual Report

July 1, 2014

To the membership, board and friends of Software in the Public Interest, Inc:

As mandated by Article 8 of the SPI Bylaws, I respectfully submit this annual report on the activities of Software in the Public Interest, Inc. and extend my thanks to all of those who contributed to the mission of SPI in the past year.

– *Jonathan McDowell, SPI Secretary*

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Chapter 1

President's Welcome

– *Bdale Garbee, SPI President*

Chapter 2

Committee Reports

2.1 Membership Committee

2.1.1 Statistics

At the time of writing (July 9) the current membership status is:

NC Applicants Pending Email Approval	220
NC Members	496
Contrib Membership Applications	6
Contrib Members	508
Application Managers	9

On July 1, 2013 we had 504 contributing and 453 non-contributing members.
On July 1, 2014 there were 504 contributing members and 455 non-contributing members.

Chapter 3

Board Report

3.1 Board Members

Board members as of July 1, 2013:

- Bdale Garbee (President)
- Joerg Jaspert (Vice President)
- Jonathan McDowell (Secretary)
- Michael Schultheiss (Treasurer)
- Clint Adams
- Robert Brockway
- Joshua D. Drake
- Jimmy Kaplowitz
- Martin Zobel-Helas

Board members as of June 30, 2014:

- Bdale Garbee (President)
- Joerg Jaspert (Vice President)
- Jonathan McDowell (Secretary)
- Michael Schultheiss (Treasurer)
- Clint Adams
- Robert Brockway
- Joshua D. Drake

- Martin Michlmayr
- Martin Zobel-Helas

Advisors to the board as of June 30, 2014:

- Software Freedom Law Center (SFLC), legal counsel
- Lucas Nussbaum, Debian Project representative
- Robert Treat, PostgreSQL Project representative

3.2 Board Changes

Changes that occurred during the year:

- The terms for Joshua D. Drake, Bdale Garbee, Joerg Jaspert and Martin Zobel-Helas expired in July 2013. All of them sought, and obtained, re-election.
- On August 8, 2013 the board voted to extend the term of the current officers by a further year. These were:
 - President: Bdale Garbee
 - Vice President: Joerg Jaspert
 - Secretary: Jonathan McDowell
 - Treasurer: Michael Schultheiss
- On March 30, 2014 Jimmy Kaplowitz expressed his intent to resign due to lack of time and encouraged the board to appoint an interim director. On May 8, 2014 the board appointed Martin Michlmayr as interim director until the conclusion of the July 2014 board elections.

3.3 Elections

One board membership election was conducted in July 2013. There were 4 board members up for re-election. Nominations were received from Joshua D. Drake, Bdale Garbee, Joerg Jaspert, Gregers Petersen and Martin Zobel-Helas. Joshua D. Drake, Bdale Garbee, Joerg Jaspert and Martin Zobel-Helas were elected to the board.

Chapter 4

Treasurer's Report

This report uses a cash-based method of accounting, recording donations when deposited (not when the check was written or received by us) and recording expenses when sent or scheduled for payment (not when incurred).

4.1 Income Statement

This covers the Period July 1, 2013 – June 30, 2014

Income

4.2 Balance Sheet

As of June 30, 2014

(all sums in US dollars)

Chapter 5

Member Project Reports

5.1 New Associated Projects

We have continued to see a reasonable level of interest from projects who wish to become associated with SPI. Over the past year 2 projects have had successful resolutions proposed for them to be invited to come under the SPI umbrella as an Associated Project.

5.1.1 Chakra

Chakra is a community based Linux distribution intended to provide a full operating system primarily for desktop users. Chakra fosters, promotes and increases access to software systems available to the general public and supports, encourages and promotes the creation and development of software available to the general public.

5.1.2 Swathanthra Malayalam Computing

Swathanthra Malayalam Computing (SMC) is a free software project engaged in development, localization, standardization and popularization of various Free and Open Source Software in Indian Languages with a special emphasis on Malayalam Language. SMC has been active since October 2002 and has been working to provide various language tools that work on all layers of computing including and: not limited to rendering fixes, fonts, input mechanisms, translations (localization), text-to-speech engines, dictionaries, spell checkers and other indic script based language computing specific tools across operating systems. SMC also maintains projects such as a generic web based Indic language computation framework called SILPA, Dhvani TTS etc.

Appendix A

About SPI

SPI is a non-profit organization which was founded to help organizations develop and distribute open hardware and software. We encourage programmers to use the GNU General Public License or other licenses that allow free redistribution and use of software, and hardware developers to distribute documentation that will allow device drivers to be written for their product.

SPI was incorporated as a non-profit organization on June 16, 1997 in the state of New York. Since then, it has become an umbrella organization for projects from the community.

In 1999, the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) of the United States government determined that under section 501 (a) of the Internal Revenue Code SPI qualifies for 501 (c) (3) (non-profit organization) status under section 509 (a) (1) and 170 (b) (1) (A) (vi). This means that donations made to SPI and its supported projects should be tax deductible for the American donor.