

Software in the Public Interest, Inc.
2011 Annual Report

1st July 2011

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

In the time that has passed since I originally agreed to serve as President several years ago, SPI has made significant and enduring progress resolving long-standing procedural problems that once impeded our ability to meet the basic service expectations of our associated projects.

These accomplishments are of course not my own, but the collective result of work contributed by a dedicated core group of volunteers including the rest of our officers and board.

A measure of our success is the steady stream of new SPI associated projects in recent years, including those we invited to join us in the last year listed later in this report.

As we look forward, I believe SPI needs to remain focused on our core services. Financial transaction processing and other basic processes aren't glamorous, but our primary role in the Free Software ecosystem is handling those details on behalf of our associated projects, so that their energy can go to producing and distributing great software!

We continue to lament long-standing issues with our bylaws that deserve to be addressed. This is also not glamorous work, but I hope we can make time in the next year to finally work through updating them.

Thank you to everyone, particularly our contributing members, whose ongoing contributions of time and attention make SPI possible!

– *Bdale Garbee, SPI President*

Chapter 2

Committee Reports

2.1 Membership Committee

The membership committee for the year comprised of Luk Claes, Neil McGovern and Michael Schultheiss.

2.1.1 Statistics

At the time of writing (July 7th) the current membership status is:

NC Applicants Pending Email Approval	72
NC Members	436
Contrib Membership Applications	15
Contrib Members	449
Application Managers	4

On 1st July 2010 we had 437 contributing and 404 non-contributing members. On 1st July 2011 there were 445 contributing members and 436 non-contributing members.

Chapter 3

Board Report

3.1 Board Members

Board members as of July 1st, 2010:

- Bdale Garbee (President)
- Joerg Jaspert (Vice President)
- Jonathan McDowell (Secretary)
- Michael Schultheiss (Treasurer)
- Luk Claes
- Joshua D. Drake
- David Graham
- Jimmy Kaplowitz
- Martin Zobel-Helas

Board members as of June 30th, 2011:

- Bdale Garbee (President)
- Joerg Jaspert (Vice President)
- Jonathan McDowell (Secretary)
- Michael Schultheiss (Treasurer)
- Joshua D. Drake
- David Graham

- Jimmy Kaplowitz
- Martin Zobel-Helas

Advisors to the board as of June 30th, 2011:

- Gregory Pomerantz, legal counsel
- Software Freedom Law Center (SFLC), legal counsel
- Stefano Zacchiroli, Debian Project representative
- Robert Treat, PostgreSQL Project representative

3.2 Board Changes

Changes that occurred during the year:

- The terms for Luk Claes, Joshua D. Drake. Bdale Garbee, Joerg Jaspert and Martin Zobel-Helas expired in July 2010. All except Luk sought, and obtained, re-election.
- On July 14th, 2011 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

3.3 Elections

One board membership election was conducted in July 2010. There were 5 board seats up for election but as only 4 nominations were received a vote was not necessary. All 4 nominations were from existing board members seeking re-election; Joshua D. Drake. Bdale Garbee, Joerg Jaspert and Martin Zobel-Helas.

Chapter 4

Treasury 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 01, 2010 - June 30, 2011

Income

Ordinary Income

aptosid	76.68
Debian	125,031.07
DebConf 11	19,091.00
Drupal	89.86
FreeDesktop.org	41,896.00
Gallery	581.00
GNU TeXmacs	60.00
LibreOffice	12,000.00
Madwifi-project.org	71.00
OpenOffice.org	7,361.96
OpenVas	51.00
OpenWrt	521.86
Open Voting Foundation	111.00
OSUNIX	1.00
Path64	11.00
PostgreSQL	18,621.86
Privoxy	123.00
SPI General	6,009.37
SPI 5%	1,769.14
The HeliOS Project	7,940.94
Tux4Kids	4,730.45

Yafaray	7,136.43
Total Ordinary Income	253,285.62

Interest Income	
Key Bank Money Mkt Savings	20.36
Chase BusinessClassic Checking	3.76
Chase Bus Select High Yield Savings	42.00
Total Interest Income	66.12

Gross Income	253,351.74

Expenses	
Ordinary Expenses	
aptosid	9.74
Debian	151,634.39
DebConf 11	5,307.67
Drupal	2,739.86
FreeDesktop.org	31,268.38
Gallery	46.72
GNU TeXmacs	6.10
Madwifi-project.org	7.79
OpenOffice.org	653.20
OpenVas	5.29
OpenWrt	52.57
Open Voting Foundation	7.44
OSUNIX	0.44
Path64	1.69
PostgreSQL	12,729.30
Privoxy	11.85
SPI	8,070.54
The HeliOS Project	8,137.62
Tux4Kids	1,470.65
Yafaray	2,437.62
Total Expenses	224,598.86

Net Income	28,752.88
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4.2 Balance Sheet

As of June 30, 2011

ASSETS

Current Assets

Chase BusinessClassic Checking with Interest	73,433.04
Chase Business Select High Yield Savings	27,574.42
Key Business Reward Checking	72,255.67
Key Business Signature Money Market Savings	36,012.31
Ameriprise Cash Mgmt Acct	13,401.62

Total Current Assets	222,677.06
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TOTAL ASSETS	222,677.06
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LIABILITIES & EQUITY

General and current liabilities	0.00
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Equity

Reserves held in trust

aptosid Earmark	66.94
Debian Earmark	55,399.83
DebConf 11 Earmark	23,783.33
Freedesktop.org Earmark	12,831.60
Gallery Earmark	7,410.80
GNU TeXmacs Earmark	63.60
LibreOffice Earmark	12,000.00
Madwifi.org Earmark	1,454.09
OpenOffice.org Earmark	20,965.33
OpenVAS	45.71
OpenWrt	891.70
Open Voting Foundation Earmark	153.65
OSUNIX	0.56
Path64	9.31
Plan 9 Earmark	6,500.00
PostgreSQL Earmark	36,882.47
Privoxy Earmark	446.50
The HeliOS Project	219.20
Tux4Kids Earmark	8,788.85
YafaRay Earmark	4,897.20

Total held in trust	182,810.67
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General reserves	39,866.39
Total Equity	222,677.06
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	222,677.06
(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 4 projects have had successful resolutions proposed for them to be invited to come under the SPI umbrella as an Associated Project.

5.1.1 LibreOffice

LibreOffice is the free software power-packed personal productivity suite for Windows, Macintosh and Linux, provided under the LGPLv3/MPL license.

It is made available by The Document Foundation, which is an independent self-governing meritocratic Foundation.

5.1.2 Open64

The Open64 compiler is an open-source, high performance compiler suite that targets multiple architectures. It provides a modern framework to implement advanced optimizations and deliver high performance.

Open64 is the final result of research contributions from a number of compiler groups around the world. Formerly known as Pro64, Open64 was initially created by SGI and licensed under the GNU Public License (GPL v2). It was derived from SGI's MIPSPro compiler.

5.1.3 Jenkins

Jenkins monitors executions of repeated jobs, such as building a software project or jobs run by cron. Among those things, current Jenkins focuses on the following two jobs:

1. Building/testing software projects continuously, just like CruiseControl or DamageControl. In a nutshell, Jenkins provides an easy-to-use so-called continuous integration system, making it easier for developers to integrate changes to the project, and making it easier for users to obtain a fresh build. The automated, continuous build increases the productivity.
2. Monitoring executions of externally-run jobs, such as cron jobs and proc-mail jobs, even those that are run on a remote machine. For example, with cron, all you receive is regular e-mails that capture the output, and it is up to you to look at them diligently and notice when it broke. Jenkins keeps those outputs and makes it easy for you to notice when something is wrong.

5.1.4 ankur.org.in

Ankur.org.in is a group of volunteers who collaborate to promote localization and internationalization with the specific aim of improving usage of Bengali in Free and Open Source Software projects. The group is involved in internationalization and localization especially translations, content development, development of tools, utilities, widgets and APIs that help facilitate a wider community of like minded collaborators to participate in a community building process.”

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.