

Software in the Public Interest, Inc.  
2012 Annual Report

1st July 2012

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

The membership committee was extended to cover the entire board.

#### 2.1.1 Statistics

At the time of writing (July 10th) the current membership status is:

NC Applicants Pending Email Approval	94
NC Members	485
Contrib Membership Applications	11
Contrib Members	489
Application Managers	9

On 1th July 2011 we had 445 contributing and 436 non-contributing members. On 1st July 2011 there were 481 contributing members and 452 non-contributing members.

## Chapter 3

# Board Report

### 3.1 Board Members

Board members as of July 1st, 2011:

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

Board members as of June 30th, 2012:

- 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

Advisors to the board as of June 30th, 2012:

- 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 David Graham and Jimmy Kaplowitz expired in July 2011. Jimmy sought, and obtained, re-election. We thank David for his work on the board. Clint Adams and Robert Brockway joined the board as part of the same 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 Jaspt
  - Secretary: Jonathan McDowell
  - Treasurer: Michael Schultheiss

## 3.3 Elections

One board membership election was conducted in July 2011. There were 2 board members up for re-election but due to previous election not filling all available seats there were 3 seats available. Nominations were received from Clint Adams, Robert Brockway, Jimmy Kaplowitz and Trevor Walkley. Clint Adams, Robert Brockway and Jimmy Kaplowitz were elected to the board.

## 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, 2011 - June 30, 2012

#### Income

##### Ordinary Income

aptosid	39.00
Arch Linux	48,48.36
DebConf 11	22,927.00
DebConf 12	26,056.00
Debian	45,314.04
Drizzle	1200.00
FFmpeg	3.14
Fluxbox	1,669.85
FreeDesktop.org	27,300.00
FreedomBox Foundation	20,125.65
Gallery	595.00
GNU TeXmacs	109.90
Haskell	13,001.22
Jenkins	13,306.10
LibreOffice	30,934.00
madwifi-project.org	46.00
OpenOffice.org	986.00
OpenWrt	670.00
PostgreSQL	10,795.43
Privoxy	135.00
SPI 5%	2,592.26



SPI General	17,703.05
The HeliOS Project	4,393.61
YafaRay	150.00
YafaRay Code Sprint	408.50
Total Ordinary Income	245,309.11
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Interest Income	
Key Bank Money Mkt Savings	14.84
Chase BusinessClassic Checking	3.38
Chase Bus Select High Yield Savings	123.91
 Total Interest Income	 142.13
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Gross Income	245,451.24
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#### Expenses

##### Ordinary Expenses

aptosid	5.61
Arch Linux	470.30
DC11	15,614.39
DebConf 11	1,844.44
DebConf 12	17,328.30
Debian	24,604.12
Drizzle	109.75
fd.o	12,518.37
FFmpeg	0.64
Fluxbox	674.85
FreedomBox	11.21
Gallery	47.24
GNU TeXmacs	10.60
Haskell	161.71
HeliOS	4,498.32
Jenkins	2,262.20
LibreOffice	18,552.52
MadWifi	5.19
OO.o	21,951.33
OpenWrt	729.77
PostgreSQL	18,690.85
Privoxy	13.20
SPI	7,450.70
Yafaray	139.62
YafaRay	14.80
YafaRay CS	39.97

Total Expenses	147,750.00
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Net Income	97,701.24
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## 4.2 Balance Sheet

As of June 30, 2012

### ASSETS

#### Current Assets

Chase BusinessClassic Checking with Interest	76,300.65
Chase Business Select High Yield Savings	97,707.05
Key Business Reward Checking	89,351.24
Key Business Signature Money Market Savings	36,027.76
Key Express Checking	1,040.76
Ameriprise Cash Mgmt Acct	13,406.15
Debian Debit Card	302.00

Total Current Assets	314,135.61
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TOTAL ASSETS	314,135.61
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### LIABILITIES & EQUITY

General and current liabilities	0.00
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#### Equity

##### Reserves held in trust

aptosid Earmark	100.33
Arch Linux Earmark	4,593.31
Debian Earmark	71,606.10
DebConf 11 Earmark	29,251.50
DebConf 12 Earmark	21,851.35
Drizzle	1,117.40
FFmpeg	2.50
Fluxbox	995.00
Freedesktop.org Earmark	21,232.95
FreedomBox Foundation Earmark	20,114.44
Gallery Earmark	7,958.56
GNU TeXmacs Earmark	162.90

Haskell Earmark	12,786.70
Jenkins Earmark	6,575.67
LibreOffice Earmark	24,517.28
madwifi-project.org Earmark	1,494.90
OpenVAS	45.71
OpenWrt	833.83
Open Voting Foundation Earmark	153.65
OSUNIX	0.56
Path64	9.31
Plan 9 Earmark	6,500.00
PostgreSQL Earmark	26,125.77
Privoxy Earmark	568.30
The HeliOS Project	225.64
Tux4Kids Earmark	8,788.85
YafaRay Code Sprint Earmark	768.58
YafaRay Earmark	4,892.78
Total held in trust	273,273.87
General reserves	40,861.74
Total Equity	314,135.61
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	314,135.61
(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 6 projects have had successful resolutions proposed for them to be invited to come under the SPI umbrella as an Associated Project.

#### 5.1.1 Drizzle

Drizzle is a community-driven open source project that is forked from the popular MySQL database. The Drizzle team has removed non-essential code, refactored the remaining code into a plugin-based architecture and modernized the code base moving to C++.

#### 5.1.2 Arch Linux

Arch Linux is an independently developed, i686/x86-64 general purpose GNU/Linux distribution versatile enough to suit any role. Development focuses on simplicity, minimalism, and code elegance. Arch is installed as a minimal base system, configured by the user upon which their own ideal environment is assembled by installing only what is required or desired for their unique purposes. GUI configuration utilities are not officially provided, and most system configuration is performed from the shell by editing simple text files. Arch strives to stay bleeding edge, and typically offers the latest stable versions of most software.

#### 5.1.3 Freedombox

FreedomBox is a personal server running a free software operating system and free applications, designed to create and preserve personal privacy by providing a secure platform upon which federated social networks can be constructed.

The software for FreedomBox is being assembled by volunteer programmers around the world who believe in Free Software and Free Society. The FreedomBox Foundation founded by Eben Moglen coordinates development of a reference implementation.

#### **5.1.4 Fluxbox**

Fluxbox is a windowmanager for X that was based on the Blackbox 0.61.1 code. It is very light on resources and easy to handle but yet full of features to make an easy, and extremely fast, desktop experience. It is built using C++ and licensed under the MIT-License.

#### **5.1.5 Haskell.org**

Haskell is an advanced purely-functional programming language. An open-source product of more than twenty years of cutting-edge research, it allows rapid development of robust, concise, correct software. With strong support for integration with other languages, built-in concurrency and parallelism, debuggers, profilers, rich libraries and an active community, Haskell makes it easier to produce flexible, maintainable, high-quality software.

Haskell.org is the organisation representing the Open Source Haskell community.

#### **5.1.6 FFmpeg**

FFmpeg is a leading multimedia framework, able to decode, encode, transcode, mux, demux, stream, filter and play pretty much anything that humans and machines have created. It supports the most obscure ancient formats up to the cutting edge, no matter if they were designed by some standards committee, the community, or a corporation. It contains libavcodec, libavutil, libavformat, libavdevice, libswscale and libswresample which can be used by applications, along with ffmpeg, ffservice, ffplay and ffprobe programs which can be used directly by end users for transcoding, streaming and playing.

# 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.