

Meeting #34

September 6th, 2024

The following reflects the proceedings from 34th meeting held of the Software Transparency Foundation on September 6th 2024 at 10:00 (CEST), online.

The meeting was called to order by Mr. José María Lancho and was held by video conference.

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ATTENDEES:

The following attendees participated in the meeting:

- ☒ ~~Mr. José María Lancho, President~~
- ☐ Luis-Ignacio Español Bouche, Vice-President
- ☒ ~~Mr. Julian Coccia, Head of Project Office~~
- ☒ ~~Mr. Oscar Enrique Goñi, Head of Academic Program~~
- ☒ ~~Mr. Agustin Benito, Head of Sponsorship Program~~
- ☐ Mr. Ismael Navas Delgado, Sponsor representative, UMA (invited)

The Quorum is 3/5 people. We have quorum

Approved on:



Agenda

Topic	Responsible	Time
Approval of the 33 rd STF leadership meeting minutes	Agustin B.B.	5 min
Status reports	José M ^a Lancho	20 min
Update of the Participation Agreement: discussion	Agustin	10 min
OSS KB Program. Sponsorship Agreement: discussion	Agustin	10 min
OSSKB, from license compliance to create complete SBOMs	Agustin	5 min
AOB	Agustin B.B.	5 min

Minutes

Approval of the 33rd STF meeting minutes

You can find the Meeting minutes attached to the calendar invitation

☐ ~~Approved unanimously~~

Status reports

President 5 min

- No report

Head of Project Office 5 min

- Negotiations with sponsor to have a first mirror in Asia
- OSS KB usage is increasing. Not just direct users but also indirect usage through other tools like FOSSology, ORT and FOSSLight.
 - User agent feature allow us to understand the indirect usage of OSS KB to better adapt it.

Other Board Members 10 min

- Agustin
 - Talks where OSS KB and STF were promoted
 - Talk and demo at tooling group of OpenChain. Good reception
 - There will be a workshop during OSS EU to create an end-to-end demo within the tooling group. OSSKB will be part of that demo.
 - The work on the SPDX algorithms list has not started. SPDX is busy on the release of the new SPDX version as ISO

- SCANOSS has been working in adding the long names to the algorithms so we can commit them to SPDX list
- 2024S2 events where SCANOSS will promote STF and OSSKB
 - Open Source Summit EU in Viena: sponsor + booth
 - Open Code eXperience in Mainz, GE: sponsor + booth + talk
 - Open Source Summit Japan , in Tokyo : sponsor + booth + talk
 - Open Compliance Summit, in Tokyo, JP: talk

Update of the Participation Agreement: discussion

The goal is to update our participation Agreement to attract more organizations to establish a long term relation with STF. In summary, the update proposes:

- New fees.
- Being more explicit about the benefits
- Expand the participation in the Governance of STF to more type of Members
- Adapt nomenclature
- Expand the OSS KB mirror as benefit to more Membership levels.
- Stablish a transition period (2024) to prevent the new fees from affecting the current open negotiations with potential new Members.

These changes will require:

- Adapting the Charter
- Reformulate the Participation Agreement
- Define a new OSS KB Program including a Sponsorship Agreement

Adapting the Charter

Adapt the STF Charter in the following points:

- Nomenclature:
 - From Sponsorship Program to Membership Levels
 - From Sponsors to Members
 - From Diamond to Strategic
- Governing bodies participants
 - Adapt the governing bodies participants to the proposal (see the table)
- Budget
 - Define the requisites for presenting / approving the budget and the generic content, instead of the current framework.
 - The budget is done by the Gov Board to match the goals defined by the Steering and the Outreach committees.
- Definition of Programs



- Steering Committee defines programs that should be approved by the Gov. Board when require a sustained effort/budget by STF

Update the Participation Agreement

These are the changes to introduce in the new Participation Agreement

- New table
- Short description of each item
- Short description of the transition fees

Check the proposed table: STF-participation-agreement-2025-fees-benefits-table-draft

Discussion

- Nobody sees a showstopper in these ideas
- Discussion about the nomenclature around Sponsoring Member vs Members. How do we prevent Sponsor Member into think they are what in Spanish legislation is in fact a Patron?
 - Agustin proposes to describe what a patron is and what the patronato does in the Charter, pointing at the legislation. This way, when we refer to Members, it is clear we are not referring to Patrons. This route has the advantage that reduces the knowledge required in Spanish Foundation legislation, because the bulk of what is relevant in this context is explicit. It has the disadvantage that force us to introduce more text in the charter
 - Jose Maria is willing to explore this route
- OSS KB Program
 - Julian is more comfortable with this new mirror model.
 - Community Member might not be able to provide service to external people to their organizations so it might well be that their mirror can only serve their users if they host them since they might have legal restrictions.
 - Julian thinks we can leave this specific topic as part of the negotiation with each player instead of establishing it as a general rule.
 - Everyone is in favor of developing these ideas in a written proposal we can discuss/approve
- Can we have a proposal to discuss and approve next week?
 - Agustin will meet Jose Maria to discuss the Charter adaptations
 - Agustin will lead the work to have a Participation Agreement proposal next meeting



OSS KB Program. Sponsorship Agreement: discussion

The goal is to have a specific program for OSS KB that we can adapt by simple agreement of the Gov. Board, proposed by the Steering Committee, dealing with OSS KB. This Program will define the characteristics of OSS KB as service and all the conditions, benefits... of OSS KB mirror.

To create a mirror, STF will define some sponsorship conditions for those who want to promote it so costs are covered for a reasonable period. That proposed time is a minimum of 3 years.

In general, non-profits will be able to host the mirror. The target audience will be their own users/projects. *Part of the throughput though will be managed by STF to provide a service to a wider audience.*

In general, Members (according to the table) can promote a mirror, managed by STF, that can guarantee certain throughput to the sponsor. Such mirror is fully managed by STF, and the expenses covered by the Member through a sponsorship agreement. Discounts might apply (see the table)

OSSKB from license compliance to creation of complete SBOMs

OSSKB has been focused on license compliance because of its current capabilities. The demand for the creation of complete SBOMs, which requires further standardization of how open source software is declared, is identified as a growing demand. To meet such demand, which is aligned with SCANOSS offering, the proposal is to open a conversation within STF to focus our future efforts towards “the creation of complete SBOMs”, where license compliance is just a necessary step.

The proposed goal is to attend to the events listed in the section below with an agreed, unified messaging around the main goal of the key service STF provides.

AOB

- None

END