

# [Ksummit-discuss] [MAINTAINER TOPIC] Succession Planning: Is It time to Throw Linus Under a Bus?

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On Thu, Sep 06, 2018 at 03:20:08PM -0600, Jens Axboe wrote:

> On 9/6/18 3:13 PM, James Bottomley wrote:

> > On Thu, 2018-09-06 at 13:59 -0700, Linus Torvalds wrote:

> >> On Thu, Sep 6, 2018 at 1:51 PM James Bottomley

> >> <[James.Bottomley at hansenpartnership.com](mailto:James.Bottomley@hansenpartnership.com)> wrote:

> >>>

> >>> It's happened occasionally, but it's not very traditional. Usually  
> >>> when people do a palace coup replacement, the tumbrels are waiting  
> >>> outside to cart the old dictator off to their sticky end.

> >>

> >> This has taken a dark turn.

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> > You were the one who mentioned dictators ... I was perfectly happy with  
> > the bus.

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> >> I do want to point out that I brought the question up last year on  
> >> the spot. I didn't get any reaction then. I was thinking me not being  
> >> around would have been more conducive to discussion. But whatever.

> >

> > OK, so we could still have a plebiscite in Vancouver; we have the room  
> > and the time still reserved. It could propose a succession plan and  
> > just present it to you. I admit there's precedent; it's how we did the  
> > next TAB chair for instance.

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> > However, I really think for an orderly succession plan, you need to be  
> > part of it rather than having a palace coup which could end up being  
> > really messy and divisive. I suspect people treated your proposal last  
> > year as more of a joke last year because they didn't think you were  
> > serious. If you're really serious about doing this, let's try to come  
> > up with the succession process in Edinburgh in October and see if we  
> > can run a Maintainer Summit with the new Leadership in Vancouver in  
> > November.

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> This seems rather hasty to me, I think it would be prudent to establish  
> a timeline (on both sides?). Unless you are really proposing a coup?

FWIW, it took me months to coordinate an orderly withdraw just from the wireless maintainership. If this is a serious discussion, then I don't think it's too early to start planning for the coming changes. Just the thought of finding enough fools to backfill Linus

makes me shudder...

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Someday the world will need a hero, and you  
might be all we have. Be ready.

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