

# 2018 LLVM Foundation Board of Directors Application

This is an application to serve as a board member on the LLVM Foundation Board of Directors. The LLVM Foundation is a nonprofit that supports the LLVM Project. We support the LLVM community by helping it to grow, foster community interactions, work to keep LLVM development productive through infrastructure, and work to ensure the long term health of the LLVM project.

The LLVM Foundation has established 3 main programs to help us in our community growth and education efforts: Educational Outreach (LLVM Developers' Meetings, documentation, workshops, instructional videos), Scholarships & Grants, and Women in Compilers & Tools. We host much of the infrastructure (website, mailing lists, etc) supporting the LLVM Project. Please read our public documents for more information, available here (<http://foundation.llvm.org/documents/>).

The Board of Directors consists of 8 members serving 2 year terms, which then elect the next set of board members. In terms of time commitment, the board typically meets every month for 2 hours and every board member should plan on attending each meeting. At times a board member will take lead on a particular issue, doing the background research needed, forming a proposal, bringing to the Board for productive discussion and vote. Board members are expected to monitor the board mail lists to address time critical issues or continue discussions between board meetings. Board members should plan on attending at least EuroLLVM or the US LLVM Developers' Meeting. In addition to the regular meeting, board members are expected to participate with and drive efforts aligned with the mission and three programs above. Officers of the Board (Secretary, Treasurer, President) have additional duties and time commitments.

We are looking for people who are passionate and enthusiastic about LLVM and its various sub-projects, and want to help it grow. Note, however, that the LLVM Foundation does not set the technical direction for the project. As such, we are particularly interested in people who will bring non-technical contributions to the board, particularly if they align with the mission and three programs mentioned above or improvements to the LLVM infrastructure.

In order to improve transparency and capture the credentials of the newly elected board, the applications of the newly elected board members will be made public once board membership is finalized. The new board will begin their term on August 12, 2018.

If you are interested in being considered as a future board member, please complete the following application by July 30 (11:59PM PDT).

Email address \*

[REDACTED]

Name (First and Surname) \*

Mike Edwards

Please summarize relevant contributions to the LLVM Project. These can include things such as patches, code ownership, bug reports, mailing list posts, blog posts, volunteering at LLVM events, organizing LLVM social events, contributing to the developer meeting paper committee, etc.

I am not a compiler engineer. I mention this because this single fact is the one I find most rewarding about working with the LLVM community. I can honestly say I have never interacted with such a welcoming community of people. No one cares I am not a compiler engineer. What people do care about is simply, I like to be helpful. I help wherever and whenever I can. Some months I am able to help a whole bunch, such as with the migration of our SVN server from UIUC to Amazon Web Services. Other months I may only have time to kick a bot or two to help out an engineer who may be having one of those days. I don't have a giant list of patches I can point to, nor do I have a wide range of Bugzilla's I can claim direct resolution of. I am not a code owner. I do, however, work mostly behind the scenes and I like being there. I am not be the most outspoken member of the LLVM community. I do though, speak up when the occasion seems right. Sometimes this is on the list, many times directly with other community members and once it was giving a presentation at the Developers Meeting. I may not contribute in the same way most community members do, but I like to think my positive attitude and kind nature contribute in a very positive way to our community.

Why do you want to be on the LLVM Foundation board of directors?

I love being a part of the LLVM community. I love being a part of our community because people really appreciate all the little things I am able to do. I may not be able to fix problems with TableGen, but I've yet to meet a bot I couldn't get to fall back in line. I really could not think of a better way to both give back and help promote our community than by serving as a member of the board of directors for the Foundation. I enjoy fundraising and talking with people interested in finding out more about what LLVM is all about. My favorite part of the annual Developers Conference is meeting all the new people and finding out what brought them to our community and what excites them about our project. I am thrilled the Foundation has been doing so much work with the Women In Compilers initiative this past year. I think there are so many ways we can help the LLVM Foundation to grow and reach even more people who do not even yet know they are interested in working on compilers. I feel that I am able to offer the LLVM Foundation my time and previous life experiences in order to help further these efforts. I am grateful to the board for their time in considering my application.

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What experience or skills can you bring to the board? Which of the above programs could you help drive forward?

I believe the most relevant skill I have to offer the Foundation is my previous experience as the Treasurer of the Board for the San Mateo County Sheriff's Office Association. Established in 1951 as the "Widows and Benevolence fund", the Sheriff's Office Association today is a thriving 501(c)(4) not for profit social welfare club. The primary mission used to be focused on providing financial relief for the dependents of Deputies killed in the line of duty. Contemporary functions now focus more on a scholarship fund, retirement parties, and annual dinner dance and supplemental financial support for County Law Enforcement members injured or killed in the line of duty.

From January 2009, for a period of one year, I served as the Treasurer of the Board for the Association. My primary duties included general bookkeeping, managing the insurance portfolio, producing monthly financial statements, producing quarterly financial forecasts, presenting the Treasurers report at the monthly board meeting, and working with our CPA to prepare and file the IRS 990 annual return. During the time I served we had roughly \$330,000 in our insurance portfolio and we generated roughly \$36,000 in dues revenue with an additional \$7,000 in direct donations through various fund raising efforts.

I very much enjoyed my experience as Treasurer and feel I could be very helpful to the LLVM Foundation serving in this capacity.

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We value diversity and representation of the various interested groups working on LLVM and using it. Do you consider yourself representative of a minority group, underrepresented geographic region, etc?

No, however, I personally value how diverse the LLVM Community has become. I think our diversity is one of the things which makes our community so strong. Whether or not I am selected to be a member of the LLVM Foundation Board, I plan on working in any capacity possible to help to continue to broaden the diversity of our community.

Which program are you most interested in supporting?

- ☐ Educational Outreach
- ☐ Women in Compilers & Tools
- ☐ Grants & Scholarships
- ☒ Infrastructure Support

What is your second choice program to support?

- ☐ Educational Outreach
- ☒ Women in Compilers & Tools
- ☐ Grants & Scholarships
- ☐ Infrastructure Support

How many hours a week can you dedicate to LLVM Foundation business?

Board members are expected to dedicate time to meetings and to the programs.

~4hrs/week

Are you interested in a specific position on the board?

Please review position duties here: <https://docs.google.com/document/d/14PZ-Mu2mQ0msUoh-SKZXFMQaC1rYHSZdb1N6cRT66ml/edit?usp=sharing>

☐ President

☐ Secretary

☒ Treasurer

Are you willing and able to help fundraise for the LLVM Foundation?

We rely on donations to fund our programs and need board members to help find new sponsors and donors.

Yes, ready willing and able to help with fundraising efforts. Though I am a bit rusty so some guidance would be appreciated.

Is there anything else you would like to add for the board to consider?

Just to say thank you for the opportunity to be considered for a seat on the board.

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