## SOFTWARE IN THE PUBLIC INTEREST

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Non-profit fiscal sponsor for FOSS licensed projects

"SPI does not own, govern or control the associated projects"

#### Created in June 16, 1997 for Debian to take donations

President: **Bdale Garbee** (of Debian)
Vice-President: **Joerg Jaspert**Secretary: **Martin Michlmayr**Treasurer: **Michael Schultheiss** 

Directors:

Robert Brockway Joshua D. Drake Jonathan McDowell Gregers Petersen Martin Zobel-Helas

Legal Consultant: Software Freedom Law Center

### Becoming a member:

# **Contributing Members:**

- · Board members are contributing members by default
- Must have made significant contributions to the free software community
- Membership committee fairly reviews necessary information to approve above status
- If a member doesn't contribut enough, they get labeled as a non-contributing member

#### Non-contributing Members:

- · Non-contributing membership must be applied for
- · This membership does not expire
- Non-contributing members can submit an application with a portfolio to become contributing members

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- · ankur.org.in
- aptosid
- · Arch Linux
- · Chakra
- · Debian
- · Drizzle
- · FFmpeg
- · Fluxbox
- · freedesktop.org
- · FreedomBox
- · Fresco
- · Gallery

- · GNUstep
- · GNU TeXmacs
- haskell.org
- · The HeliOS Project
- Jenkins
- · LibreOffice
- · madwifi-project.org
- MinGW
- · OFTC
- Open Voting Foundation
- · OpenEmbedded

- · OpenVAS
- · OpenWRT
- · Open64
- · OSUNIX
- · Path64
- Postgresql
- Privoxy
- · Sproutcore
- · The Mana World
- TideSDK
- Tux4Kids
- Yafaray



For Debian, SPI serves the following functions

Accepting donations Holding substantial assets Holding domain names Holding trademarks

### Accepting donations

SPI will Hold funds on behalf of the project. Funds and assets may be freely transferred to any other US non-profit.

### Holding substantial assets

SPI can hold legal ownership of equipment, software and other assets valued at \$300 or more.

# **Holding Intangible Assets**

Domain names and trademarks

### **Signing Contracts**

Can sign on behalf of the project for things such as venues and insurance.

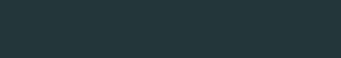
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# Becoming an associated project

After informal discussion between the project and board members, the board will vote based on the following criteria:

- · Is the project a genuine Free Software community project?
- · Does the project have an established development community?
- · Is the project used by a broad audience?

All projects are required to have a **Liaison** to instruct SPI of the project's wishes. Liaisons can also act as advisors during board meetings.



Updates can be received via the SPI-Announce mailing list

Meetings are held quarterly via IRC in #spi (Sample meeting log)

```
12:06 #spi: < Noodles> !vote yes
12:06 #spi: < Solver> !vote yes
12:06 #spi: < schultmc> !vote yes
12:06 #spi: < zobel> !vote yes
12:06 #spi: < Clint> !vote yes
12:06 #spi: < bdale> !vote abstain
```

Annual reports are published, the latest of which is from 2012

Total Income: \$245,451.24 Total Expenses: \$147,750.00

Net Income: \$97,701.24

Member	Income	Expenses
Arch Linux	48,48.36	470.30
Debian	45,314.04	24,604.12
FFmpeg	3.14	0.64
Fluxbox	1,669.85	674.85
FreeDesktop.org	27,300.00	-
Haskell	13,001.22	161.71
Jenkins	13,306.10	2,262.20
LibreOffice	30,934.00	18,552.52
OpenOffice.org	986.00	5.19
OpenWrt	670.00	729.77
PostgreSQL	10,795.43	18,690.85
SPI 5%	2,592.26	-
SPI General	17,703.05	-
YafaRay	150.00	139.62



#### SUMMARY

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