Memorandum of Understanding of Partnership between the Linux Professional Institute (LPI) and Toronto Perl Mongers (TPM), on behalf of The Perl Foundation (TPF)

This understanding confirms the terms and conditions of the partnership between LPI and TPM regarding the YAPC::NA 2005 conference.

Background

YAPC::NA 2005

YAPC::NA 2005 is "Yet Another Perl Conference, North America", to be held in June of 2005. It is a 3 day long conference with approximately 200-500 attendees. The attendees will come mainly from North America (approx. 90%).

The Perl Foundation is itself a collection of volunteers operating a not-for-profit American corporation (registered with its headquarters in Holland, Michigan) owns the trademark to YAPC. In July of 2004 it put forward a call for venue proposals. Local Perl Monger groups bid for the right to hold the conference.

TPM

TPM is the Toronto Perl Mongers. "Perl Mongers" is the umbrella organization for Perl users groups worldwide, and TPM is the local chapter of this. The purpose of TPM is to promote the Perl programming language to the community, and to increase the skills of our members in the Perl programming art. Membership is open, free and informal: anyone can 'join' the Toronto Perl Mongers simply by subscribing to the mailing list and/or attending the monthly meetings. For more information about the Toronto Perl Mongers visit http://to.pm.org/

LPI

The Linux Professional Institute (LPI) serves the community of Linux and open source software users vendors and developers, in the interest of increasing and supporting professional use of such software throughout world. LPI will seek to improve the skills and resources of Linux and open source professionals, by providing services and setting standards which are relevant, of high quality and widely accessible. LPI is based in the Toronto area. More information about LPI can be found at http://www.lpi.org/

Obligations

LPI agrees to provide TPM with minimum of USD$3000 to the YAPC::NA 2005 conference, on the condition that YAPC::NA 2005 is awarded to TPM by The Perl Foundation. LPI has no obligations towards TPM should the TPM bid for YAPC::NA 2005 not be awarded to TPM. This money may be used for any aspect of the costs of YAPC::NA 2005. Should TPM realize a budgetary surplus in its production of YAPC::NA 2005 then any and all surplus will be given to The Perl Foundation, which may allocate the funds towards what it considers to be its areas of most urgent need. These can include, but are not limited to, general funds for TPF as well as Perl Development Grants. If TPM is unable to find venue space for less than USD$3000, LPI is prepared to contribute up to an additional USD$3000, bringing the total contribution to USD$6000, to cover additional venue costs.

If TPM wins the YAPC::NA 2005 bid then TPM and TPF agree to provide LPI with the following benefits:

1. The option to rent extra "side space" alongside the YAPC::NA 2005 conference for any portion of the conference. This room could be used to hold a small "LPI Alumni" event as well as to be used by LPI to interact with any YAPC conference attendees who wish to participate in LPI events. These events could include an "exam question writing workshop." TPM will use its contacts to attempt to secure such space at the most advantageous rates possible.
2. Provide an opportunity for LPI to address YAPC conference attendees regarding the nature of LPI, its mission, and any plans/activities/progress it undertakes towards Perl or other "LAMP" (Linux, Apache, MySQL|PostgreSQL, Perl|Python|PHP) certification efforts, to the extend that such communication does not overly impinge on the schedule of YAPC::NA 2005. For instance, several minutes of presentation by LPI during the opening and closing ceremonies would be entirely acceptable. An optional-attendance conference session (with a duration of approximately 1 hour) might be provided, as TPF constructs the speaker timetable. Any events in the LPI "side space" will be included in the YAPC::NA 2005 conference schedule so that YAPC conference attendees are aware of what is available to them there.
3. The inclusion of LPI printed materials, provided by LPI, in the YAPC::NA 2005 conference materials package.
4. Cross-promotion of LPI and TPF/YAPC, at the discretion of TPF. That is, if TPF should desire, then LPI will uses its communication channels to promote TPF and YAPC::NA 2005 in return for TPF using its communication channels to promote LPI.

This Memorandum of Understanding is accepted by the named parties below:

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