**FACTOM**

**COMMUNITY**

**MEETING MINUTES**

**Factom Guides**

**Meeting #19-**10

**201**9**-**03-04

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| **Date and time of meeting** | 2019-03-04, 20:00 UTC |
| **Date minutes drafted** | 2019-03-04 |
| **Date minutes approved** |  |
| **Organization/Team** | Factom Guides |
| **Attendees** | Factom inc (Brian Deery), DBGrow Inc (Julian), The 42nd Factoid AS (Tor), Canonical ledgers (Sam), Centis BV (Niels) |
| **Members not in attendance** |  |
| **Other attendees** |  |
| **Meeting Leader** | Centis BV (Niels) |
| **Meeting Secretary** | The 42ND Factoid AS |

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| **Subject 0** | * **Roll Call** * Approval of minutes from previous meeting on 2019-02-25 |
| **Discussion** | All members present. Guides (minus Niels) voted to approve meeting minutes from 25th of February. |
| **Conclusion** |  |
| **Follow up** | Sam will factomize meeting minutes. |

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| **Subject 1** | Announcements/Reminders (Sam) |
| **Discussion** | * Guide election voting underway   + If you are eligible to vote and haven't done so yet, please go vote in the community forum. * Ratification of Doc 106   + Please take a look at this document if you have not yet. * Discussion about ANO election by research group   + Posted small discussion thread to solicit response   Sam: Non-profit bylaws are supposed to start the discussion this week (week 10). Guide elections end this week, and ANO application discussion will also start this week. Next week 1.5 version of governance is also supposed to go up for discussion, but that can be pushed back a week if necessary. |
| **Conclusion** |  |
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| Subject 2 | ANO Elections Process (Julian) |
| Discussion | Julian: Right now on Factomize we are having a discussion about the overarching structure and getting feedback. While doing that we are simultaneously working on structuring some of the documents for ANO elections. What information is visible to different parties etc. After this discussion is over we are good to move forward to have a ratification of this process next week.  Tor: We might also put the governance document (Doc 001) up for amendment to v1.5 if we need to amend that document to have the two document consistent. |
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| Subject 3 | “Coverage” of upcoming “elections” |
| Discussion | Anton Ilzheev (Discord, #Governance-chat, 2019-03-04, 1213 UTC):  I want to add to today's Guide discussion the lack of coverage of upcoming elections… We need more people to know about elections to see more candidates.  Rough ideas: 1) Reddit /r/factom announcement 2) Reddit /r/cc announcement 3) FactomProtocol.org main page announcement (colored box) 4) ANO candidates channel in Discord 5) Special newsletter 6) Twitter post / retweets by ANOs  And as I mentioned many times, we need to make time interval for candidates to present themselves, start contributing and etc.  1 month is extremely small window, and it's even smaller if counting between official announcement and start of elections…  Otherwise, just strictly following the timeline and starting elections in April, we will go into echo chamber without new blood in community, without new candidates & low competition…  On my mind, it would be better, if we shift elections a little, work through election information coverage and then start elections. It's the moment, where pragmatic decision is more important, than strictly following timelines.  Let's discuss it on today's meeting  ----------------------------------------------------------------------------------  Niels: (read the above statement).  Niels: In principle I agree with his post. We need new blood into the community. On the other hand we know there are potential ANOs running on the testnet, and yes we need to reach out to the outside world but we cannot force it, we really need people that want to be here and want to be on the testnet and shown that they are interested in becoming an ANO. Having said that I think we need more exposure, and we need to work with the marketing committee to get that done. For this round we have very little time.  Brian: I have some comments. Anyone can advertise and post whatever they want as this is a decentralized community. There is no need to ask permissions to publish anything.  Sam: That is true. They do not have dates, so what they can say is that “elections are coming up”; but they don’t know what to announce. For that to happen we need to make a central decision about the dates which then can be used by the decentralized community.  Niels: True, but you can give rough timelines so that you can give a rough estimate about when it will start. So you can attract people without having exact dates.  Niels: Do people think we need to do something actively at this time for the next election? Except for publishing the dates and doing the  Sam: Do we want to have ANO elections at the same time as grant elections?  Niels: Not really.  Sam: We only have 8 weeks before the next ANO grant round, so what I think we need to do is to conclude the discussion about the approach that the research group has put together, and then people can start advocating the round, and then we can start finalizing the approach.  Niels: We should also get the marketing committee involved.  Sam: We have it scheduled already in week 13. The question is if we need to push it to the right, or if we have enough time to advertise now. It should not be a problem to push it a bit to the right, as the discussions will have wrapped up and voting would have started. The reason for having the process is that we can schedule these things so they don’t overlap.  So question is should we:   * Continue with the plan * Push it a bit to the right * Push it very far to the right (after next grant round).   Brian: The testnet is getting to a place where it can handle more testers and nodes as well.  Sam: Does anyone want to take responsibility for this discussion so it doesn’t get bumped indefinitely?  Niels: I will do that. |
| Conclusion | Niels will facilitate the discussion |
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| Subject 4 | Testnet stalls & impact on upcoming Releases (Brian) |
| Discussion | Brian: Getting close. Some bugs in 6.1.1 release that has been fixed. The RC 6.2.1-rc2 is being tested by the core committee since last week. That was also put out for a general update of the testnet the past weekend. We are in the process of upgrading everyone on the testnet. A large number of the nodes/federated servers running on the testnet were of the 6.1.1 version which had the problem with the brainswapping, so there have been a couple of stalls this week with the testnet. This is also helping Mike Brennan with getting more experience with updating and tweaking the scripts to restart the network. So this is some valuable feedback we are getting from that aspect as well. But, if the testnet continues to go well and we don’t find any problems that are not explainable by human error or by upgrading from the broken code, which is known to cause problems, we anticipate later this week to have a general release for the federated servers to upgrade. So that will be long anticipated and will be very relieving.  Niels: Really good news. |
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| **Subject** 5 | **Follow up: tasks from last meeting / upcoming tasks** |
| **Discussion** | Sam:  (Text from previous meeting begins)   * If v1.4 passes, factomize document and update main doc * Start reviewing and organizing changes for v1.5   (Text from previous meeting ends   * Start transitioning processes to new Guides * Get other Guides’ input on v1.5 and look into what changes to add to it for new ANO Selection approach, if any   **To**r:  (Text from previous meeting begins)   * Follow up with the 1.4 governance document amendment process. * Focus on grant success process to make it ready for ratification by standing parties.   (Text from previous meeting ends)  Last week:   * Was travelling last week. Did get less done than normally. * Answered questions for the Guide elections * Grant application document   Next week:   * ANO application document feedback.   **Julian:**  (Text from previous meeting begins)  (Text from previous meeting ends)   * Start working with new round of guides * Work on ANO round 3 * Merge doc001 1.5 changes   Brian**:**  **(Text from previous meeting begins)**   * New Release * Guide election participation * Work with ANOs with audit to correct reboot troubles   **(Text from previous meeting ends)**   * New Release * Work with ANOs and internally with audit to correct reboot troubles * Matt W helped with grant success process   Niels:  (Text from previous meeting begins)   * Participate in guide elections * Finish draft of bug bounty program, which is in review in core committee right now   (Text from previous meeting ends)   * Discussion about bug bounty program with wider community * ANO application doc feedback * Facilitate discussion about next round schedule and outreach * Depending on foundation input from Matt, provide feedback |
| **Conclusion** |  |
| **Follow up (until next meeting)** |  |
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| **Subject** 6 | **Open floor** |
| **Discussion** |  |
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Meeting adjourned at 20:37 UTC.