



QGIS PSC Meeting 7 March 2016

Present:

- Tim
- Richard
- Anita
- Andreas
- Marco
- Gary
- Jürgen

Video / Audio Channel

<https://talkgadget.google.com>

Previous meeting minutes:

<https://drive.google.com/open?id=15Wulk-d2gOhQixqFZxyfopTuwGXn9EOtG2-gLigV-4c>

Agenda:

- **All: Roundtable:** activity updates (3 minute report back per person)
- **Tim: QGIS API documentation** - review of strategy for QGIS documentation work
- **Tim: QGIS Community** - Achieving balance in QGIS project between commercial and community activities
- **Tim: QGIS Grants**
- **Otto: Status Manual Update**
- **Tim: QGIS Licensing Page** - I would like to create a new page with a prominent link about the QGIS license. It should clearly explain what restrictions are introduced by the license e.g. not being able to distribute QGIS derivatives without accompanying source and with a different license.
- **Andreas: OSX packaging situation**

- **Andreas:** list of ongoing development work
- **Anita:** status of symbol and style sharing platform?

Activity roundup:

Tim:

- Working on changelog platform
- Sponsors now managed on changelog - automatic listing
- Preparing for 2.14 changelog

Anita:

- Splash updates
- Bug reviews with new release
- Published new book: <http://locatepress.com/qmd>

Richard:

- Working on website
- Website builds automatically on travis
- Travis builds only english so we did not catch other languages were failing to build
- Changelog can be translated on transifex now
- Fixed failing translation

Andreas:

- Updated sponsors on changelog
- Quite a lot of sponsors renewing
- Still working on bank account for QGIS.org

Marco:

- Participating in bug fixing sprint for 2.14 release - fixed some windows bug
- Plan to port QGIS new features to QGIS Server

Gary:

- Still prevailing as PSC member emiritus!

Jürgen:

- Bug fixing for the release
- Managed the release of 2.14

Otto: absent

Paolo: absent

QGIS API documentation:

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1MaWyJ0XTGNddyvwyLNu7kIa4iFZ9RV13MLMmHoNxKQ/edit#gid=1509176452> (this is a private document to PSC because it contains applicants personal contact details and rates)

Tim: Proposed that we appoint three people with Martin leading the technical work and the other two doing the documentation writing work. Martin has proposed using breathe (<https://breathe.readthedocs.org/en/latest/>) as a way to bridge Doxygen and Sphinx.

Marco: concern that the API documentation work does not get made redundant by 3.0 API changes.

Marco: We need to establish a page which lists API breaking changes and which files are affected so that doc team can be sure to work around those.

Budget: EUR 5000 proposed

TODO Tim: will report back at next meeting on the progress.

QGIS Community Balance:

Tim: In the last months we are trying to deal with the idea of QGIS as a stable platform versus a platform for rapid Innovation, a platform for commercial activity versus a platform for community activity.

Anita: Concerned about multiple single points of failure in the project. Suggests maybe starting a shadow program.

Richard: We should encourage people to try to get involved in maintaining project infrastructure.

Marco: We should use funding to help support infrastructure.

TODO Tim: Propose to draft a footer to add to the mailing list with guidelines on how to get support & commercial help etc.

QGIS Grants:

Proposed that we give grants to community to work for the interests of the project.
We need to decide if this will happen alongside the paid bug fixing sprint.

Anita, Tim, Andreas, Marco and any other interested PSC members ... will hold a separate meeting to propose how the grant system would work. The meeting will be held on Monday 21st March 2016 at 9pm CET.

Status Manual Update:

Otto is not present

<https://github.com/qgis/QGIS-Documentation/commits/master>

At this moment Yves and Larissa(?) are doing the bulk of the work. Not sure if we fund others?

Note from Otto: We do not pay Yves and Larissa is not working on this manual update.

Email update from Otto regarding manual status:

“just want to give a short report about the payed manual update process.

* We have 2 payed people for QGIS manual revision - total 60 hours. They used a bit more than half of it by now and continue their work.

* We have one payed person working full time on the update - total 160 hours. Due to personal issues he was not able to contribute much so far, but said he will start soon.

Apart from that we had many unpaid contributions and help from the community, so the current status is, that we closed 31 issues and there are still 51 open issues for 2.14.

<https://github.com/qgis/QGIS-Documentation/milestones/QGIS%202.14>

This said, the manual update for 2.14 will still take some time. I will try to motivate people for another 4 weeks, maybe find 1 or 2 more people doing payed work (sing parts from the 160h described above) and then we hopefully have it done by end of March / beginning of April.”

QGIS Licensing Page on QGIS.ORG:

- **Marco:** Link to GPL 3 page
- **Richard:** We need to deal with more subtle
- **Anita:** We already have <http://plugins.qgis.org/> with do's & dont's
- **Richard:** These instructions would be better on <http://qgis.org> where they can be translated: <http://qgis.org/en/site/getinvolved/governance/trademark/index.html> or <http://qgis.org/en/site/getinvolved/development/index.html>
- **TODO Tim:** will make an initial draft on the above page - others can contribute as needed
- **TODO Richard:** will find an appropriate place to host on the web site

OSX packaging situation:

Andreas: Curious about status of OSX package

- Signed package
- All in one bundle

TODO Richard: Get update from Larry

List of ongoing development work:

Andreas: Raised the idea of maintaining a list of feature development so that it is more visible who is working on labelling.

Tim: In the past devs used to inform on the mailing list when they are planning a new a feature.

TODO Marco: Send a message to the dev mailing list asking developers to

Status of symbol and style sharing platform:

Anita: Curious about state of (once planned) symbol and style sharing platform

Tim: Propose to run the symbol repo as a separate site from the plugin repo so avoid impacting Ale's plugin repo

TODO Tim: Put Anita in contact with Akbar

TODO Richard: Will work with Akbar to get the version online

