



# QGIS PSC Meeting 5th March 2018

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## Present

- Richard
- Anita
- Tim
- Paolo
- Andreas
- Jürgen

## Apologies

- Gary

## Video / Audio Channel

<https://zoom.us/j/549216417>

## Previous meeting minutes

[February 2018 Meeting Minutes](#)

## Next meeting

09 April 2018 - 20h00 Central Europe Time  
(because the 2nd is Easter Monday)

## New agenda items

**Tim stepping down**

- Thomas Schüttenberg just brought to my attention that the actual elapsed time since our first Board elections is only 14 months ago:  
> I just tried to translate your call for PSC nominations and wondered if the term is already over. The last election was in december 2016 which was only 14 month ago. The statutes refers to a two year term. Do I miss something, or is this just because of the long period of forming the [qgis.org](https://qgis.org) association?

In light of that I am proposing that we continue with the process of nominations as I would still like to stand down as chair over these coming months, but restrict the voting only to the vacant chair position. This will mean that our 'number 2' AGM form will be adjusted slightly to only accommodate

- A) the election of one new PSC member, and
- B) the election of a new board chair

<https://qgis.org/en/site/getinvolved/governance/psc.html?highlight=charter>

**TODO:** Andreas to answer Thomas that we want to align budget, votings, etc. and prefer to have a spring AGM each year. Besides: 14 months ago we were bootstrapping the association.

## AGM

- Form:  
[https://docs.google.com/forms/u/2/d/1AiMDzaBNwYtXrJfPYk-YG7G4D0W0tyWWOyqjr8D1eUI/edit?usp=drive\\_web](https://docs.google.com/forms/u/2/d/1AiMDzaBNwYtXrJfPYk-YG7G4D0W0tyWWOyqjr8D1eUI/edit?usp=drive_web)
- Amendments:  
**TODO:** Tim add an amendment to the statutes in AGM to cover situations where board members resign:  
"In order to accommodate the possibility that board members may resign in between election cycles. we would like to add clause 6.5 to the charter which will read as follows:  
"6.5 Replacement of Board Members: In the event of a board member resigning from the board, the PSC shall put forward a replacement from within their ranks a replacement for the board who shall serve in that position until the next AGM is called." See <https://qgis.org/en/site/getinvolved/governance/psc.html?highlight=charter#the-board> for the complete Charter document."
- Nominees PSC & board (in addition to current members):

Giovanni Manghi
Alessandro Pasotti
Marco Bernasocchi
Régis Haubourg

Kurt Menke

- Financial report 2017:  
<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1iKB6PwOvtR-CFV8G4eePlgjxr-ZSCTYzhXYJBxUqoX4/edit>
- 2018 budget proposal:  
[https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1WphBgUOx0abTJ\\_33jRVqFTkRU7KYrg8GyBLFdkYC2hw/edit#gid=0](https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1WphBgUOx0abTJ_33jRVqFTkRU7KYrg8GyBLFdkYC2hw/edit#gid=0)

### Mac installers

- Related old todos:
  - **TODO: Tim** to write to William to ask him if he can update his page to reference 2.18 as LTR → **Done:** almost ready, probably not signed
  - **TODO: Tim** write to Larry to check on the status of a signed 2.18 LTR build → **Pending:** no reply (Status: nothing paid yet, nothing delivered so far)
- How to proceed with outstanding signed mac installers (approved grant in 2017)?  
**TODO: Tim** Try to contact Larry again, find out status, announce that the grant funding promise is running out

### Zanzibar Hackfest

- **TODO: Tim** to talk with Yves and Lene concerning September 2018 Hackfest Venue
  - QGIS Sprint proposed to be Wednesday 22. August - Sunday 26. August 2018 <https://github.com/qgis/QGIS/wiki/DeveloperMeetingZanzibar2018>
  - ferry 1.5 hour \$40 or fly \$80
  - Maru Maru hotel  
<http://www.openstreetmap.org/#map=17/-6.16188/39.19111>
  - **TODO:** Tim to write up a sales pitch for Zanzibar and circulate with Lene

### Processing

- **Paolo:** GRASS / SAGA / OTB removal from core  
→ Update from dev meeting / resume here:  
<https://lists.osgeo.org/pipermail/qgis-developer/2018-February/052281.html>

### Bug tracker

- **Move from Redmine**  
→ Update from dev meeting:
  - We will make no changes right now
  - Prefer to complete migration (including all related infrastructure, testing CI etc.) to gitlab over moving to github
  - Make proper plans for migration (incl. Test migrations)
  - Try to keep history and maintain links

## Financial

- **Paypal blocked** (yet again) our account. Currently we cannot receive PayPal donations because they did not receive a document proving that we are non-profit. Andreas explained the situation but did not get a reply yet. Asked to change account into a normal business account. No reply.
- **Implications from denial of non-profit status** are the following:
  - Taxes only apply if we have more than 20'000 CHF profit (we want to avoid profits anyway)
  - Taxes only apply if assets (bank account balance) goes beyond 100'000 CHF (we want to avoid that anyway)
  - VAT only applies to sponsorship payments (because we link companies websites, which is regarded as advertising), not for donations or for training certificates (which counts as an educational service and is tax exempt)
  - VAT on sponsorships applies only if annual sponsorship payments go beyond 150'000 CHF (which we don't have currently)
- Andreas looking into direct credit card payments (without PayPal or Stripe or other in between companies)
- **TODO Andreas:** <https://stripe.com> - Andreas to assess if their conditions are ok (**not yet done**)

## Grant programme

- **TODO: Anita** (after go ahead from Andreas, after March 25th) send out a new call for grant proposals (last was sent out 17 Feb 2017)
  - First, the AGM has to approve 2018 budget
  - Financial auditors (Andreas Voigt and Andreas Vonlaufen) still working on checking the 2017 accounting. Waiting for two missing bank balance sheets from bank account (from QGIS user group Switzerland on behalf of QGIS.ORG) that was dissolved during 2017.

## Python documentation - proposal from Denis Rouzaud

- **Followup previous Motion:** Tim proposed we accept the larger part of his proposal at the standard rate of 100 EUR per hour, without the autobuilds on docker (we feel nightly build is enough)
  - Status: Denis accepted our proposal
  - **TODO Tim** to reply to Denis (**done**)

## Old todos

### Communication

- **TODO Anita:** Publish plans on [blog.qgis.org](http://blog.qgis.org) to let people know that 3.4 will be LTR (**not yet done**)

- **TODO: Anita** to create event banners for Bonn  
[https://wiki.osgeo.org/wiki/OSGeo\\_Code\\_Sprint\\_2018](https://wiki.osgeo.org/wiki/OSGeo_Code_Sprint_2018) (not yet done) Bonn will be put up after Madeira since we already have Madeira and Dar banners up

## Documentation

- Harrissou's request <https://lists.osgeo.org/pipermail/qgis-psc/2018-February/005861.html>
  - Update on Giovanni's funded work?
  - **TODO: Anita:** Proposed that in our next grant proposal that we earmark some grant funding → put in call for proposals?
  - Note Andreas: There is 8000 EUR in the budget for supporting documentation in 2018
- Adding Processing help: mostly done, still some tweaks to add. See mail from Matteo.
- **TODO:** We propose that we mandate that any new feature PRs be accompanied by an **accompanying documentation PR** in order to be accepted. **Tim** to raise a loomio vote on the committers to see if we can get general buy in to mandate the above.  
Update: See loomio [discussion / vote](#).

## Python docs

- **TODO: Tim** ask Denis to make a blog article for <http://blog.qgis.org> to share the outcomes of his Python API doc work when he has something to show  
Status: <https://github.com/opengisch/QGISPythonAPIDocumentation/tree/new>  
**Update:** Email sent - will post the article when I get feedback from him. (pending)

## Website

- **TODO: Richard** to follow up again with Régis and Test.qgis.org for OGC testing results (and/or other? Landing page to travis etc?) (not yet done)
- **TODO: Richard** to look at how to consume sponsor feed to put on the website (not yet done)
  - Tim and Richard and Anita Hapsari to get onto a call to discuss <https://github.com/kartoza/projecta/issues/662>

## Server migration

- **TODO Richard** : backup the awstats and apache logs (not yet done)
- **TODO Richard + Tim** : need to review our backup strategy (not yet done)
- **TODO: Richard** check our SFTP backups are still working & have space (not yet done)

## Plugin infrastructure

- **TODO Richard:** follow up idea about Python plugins/authors/security (crowd-approving, rule based testing) (not yet done) **Paolo available for cooperation**

## Trademark / Logo

- **TODO: Tim** write to the representatives and CC in Anita (not yet done)

- **Proposal:** Jürgen proposed that we write to all user groups and ask them to upload / share their logos for review by QGIS - we can add their logos and make the page more like the commercial support page. Anita would then do a review of the logos and indicate to any group that may have unsuitable looking logos.
- Example [https://twitter.com/qgis\\_us](https://twitter.com/qgis_us)



#### Certification

- **TODO** Tim: blog.qgis.org post about certification efforts progress (not yet done)