QGIS PSC Meeting 5th February 2018

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

Apologies
- Gary

Video / Audio Channel

https://zoom.us/j/239517250

Previous meeting minutes

January 2018 Meeting Minutes

Next meeting

05 March 2018 - 20h00 Central Europe Time

New agenda items

Organizational
- **Tim:** standing down from PSC/Board
- **Andreas:** Declined non-profit status

- - Andreas is still clarifying the implications - we should have lower tax rate
    - Potentially have to pay 7.7% VAT on sponsorship money
    - PSC feels we should keep working on getting registered as a tax exempt organisation in Switzerland
    - Andreas has to contact PayPal and explain the current situation with the tax office
- AGM 2018
    - **Tim** will send out call for nominations tonight
    - **Andreas** to get the accounting checked by the two financial auditors Andreas Voigt (QGIS user group Germany) and Andreas Vonlaufen (QGIS user group Switzerland)
    - Nominations will complete 19 Feb - see https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1BwB7I34xf21R6pyoAIVHpdoc-_7AY5phAnq7k7BwcPg/edit
    - AGM form then call for voting by 5 March 2018 - see https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1AiMDzaBNwYtXrJfPYk-YG7G4D0WOtyWWOyqjr8D1eUI/edit
    - Above links limited to PSC for now.

Documentation
- **Anita:** Harrissou's request https://lists.osgeo.org/pipermail/qgis-psc/2018-February/005861.html
    - Giovanni will pick up the work under QGIS.ORG funding https://lists.osgeo.org/pipermail/qgis-psc/2018-February/005865.html
    - We will try to help in these ways:
        - Anita: Proposed that in our next grant proposal that we earmark some grant funding
        - Andreas: There is 8000 EUR in the budget for supporting documentation in 2018
        - Tim: Propose that we use part of our funding to make it easier to edit the documentation e.g. by putting into production work from Richard and Alexandro to support markdown editing and inline/wysiwyg images
    - Release of documentation is planned for 3.4
- **Tim:** Python documentation - proposal from Denis Rouzaud
    - Autobuilds
    - Investigate time on remaining sphinx issues and other improvements
    - Adapt sipify to move /Out/ parameters from parameters list to returns group
    - Use Travis to build and push Docker container
    - Use Travis to build Python API Documentation
    - ● Enable multi version of the documentation
    - ● Pull corresponding Docker container, build and push doc
    - Point to qgis_sip.h and a few complex headers such as
    - QgsFeature to show what is possible. We would do it "for free".

- ○ Write a proper documentation in a dedicated page with code examples and host on C++ API Documentation.
  - ○ **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)
    - ■ Tim: +1
    - ■ Richard: +1
    - ■ Andreas: +1
    - ■ Anita: +1
    - ■ Jürgen: +1
    - ■ Paolo: +1
- **Paolo:** Adding Processing help
  - ○ 1. Alg help
    - ■ Almost all QGIS algs in processing have help
    - ■ The documentation needs review
    - ■ Paolo proposes to merge the documentation and we deal with review post-hoc
      - ● Tim: +1
      - ● Andreas: +1
      - ● Richard +1
      - ● Anita +1
      - ● Jürgen: +1
  - ○ 2. SAGA
    - ■ help has a button but no docs. See here for the page we get.
    - ■ Paolo proposes to have an apache redirect rule to a page that explains that help needs to be written and we are looking for people to write it. → **Richard** has 'volunteered' to do the redirect.
      - ● Tim: +1
      - ● Anita: +1
      - ● Jürgen: +1
      - ● Andreas: +1
      - ● Paolo:
      - ● Richard: +1
  - ○ 3. Some QGIS algorithm docs do not show because of naming conflicts = Bug
    - ■ Paolo proposes to follow up with Alex and QGIS will fund this work if we are able to
      - ● Tim: +1
      - ● Anita +1
      - ● Richard +1
      - ● Jürgen: +1
      - ● Andreas: +1

Processing

- **Paolo:** GRASS / SAGA / OTB removal from core
  https://lists.osgeo.org/pipermail/qgis-developer/2018-February/thread.html
    - + less burden on QGIS dev community
    - - many users will never see GRASS / SAGA / OTB if it's not installed by default
    - + independent release schedules for provider plugins (can keep up with releases of GRASS / SAGA / OTB)
    - - external projects are unlikely to maintain the providers
    - More arguments pro removal:
      https://lists.osgeo.org/pipermail/qgis-developer/2018-January/051730.html
    - Rashad is offering to maintain OTB integration
    - GRASS still needs Python 2
    - There was a proposal to remove all external algs except for GDAL.
    - **Paolo** proposes to postpone the removal of GRASS and SAGA providers until after 3.0 release and to reinstate the OTB plugin with Rashad (from OTB) as maintainer. Paolo will consult with interested parties including Victor, Alex, Nyall, GRASS devs, OTB devs and SAGA devs to come up with the optimal solution at a point after 3.0 release. QGIS.ORG will seek to support any decision made with funding where possible.
        - Andreas: +1
        - Tim: +1
        - Jürgen: +1
        - Anita: +1
        - Paolo: +1
        - Richard: +1
- ~~Getting rid of Processing scripts in favour of plain algorithms~~
  ~~https://lists.osgeo.org/pipermail/qgis-developer/2018-January/051650.html~~
    - ~~Should we issue a recommendation?~~
    - Already implemented by Alexander Bruy in `b6c2de48`
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Bug tracker
- https://www.loomio.org/d/cDwCmhsG/proposal-to-shift-bug-issue-tracking-work-to-github-issues-for-qgis-3x-

"I agree to migrate to GitHub issues and deprecate the current Redmine tracker

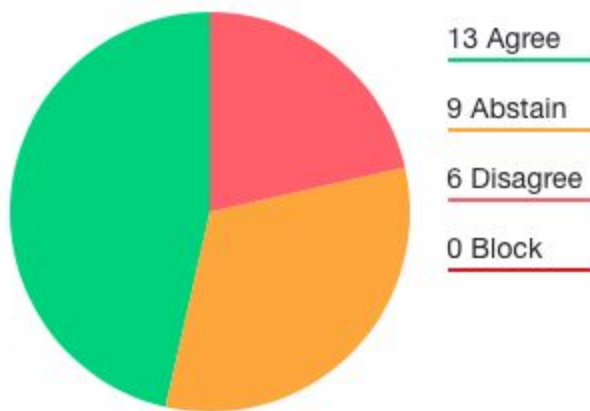Started by Tim Sutton · Closed 29 minutes ago

If you agree to this proposal, vote yes.

If you vote "yes" here, we will disable the creation of new issues on the Redmine system, redirecting users instead to the GitHub issue tracker. We will keep existing issues on Redmine editable until they are closed.

If you wish to hold out for an alternative option (e.g stay on Redmine which we currently use, or move to GitLab or some other platform), vote "no". In the case of a "no" vote we will raise a new motion until we find quorum.

Please read the parent thread comments before making your vote"

Results

13 Agree

9 Abstain

6 Disagree

0 Block

60% of members have stated their position (28/47)

- **Anita** proposes to respond that we don't have resources for a migration at the current time. We need a clear migration plan including proof of concept, clear guidelines on how to handle the double system (duplications etc), and a (group of) volunteer(s) that handles it.
  - Tim: +1
  - Andreas: +1
  - Paolo: +1
  - Jürgen:
  - Richard: +1
  - Anita: +1

Next LTR
- Anita: Which version will be next LTR? → **3.4**
- ~~**TODO**: Tim put up a loomio vote to confirm that voting members agree that we stick to the 3rd release is LTR cycle (even if 2.18 is LTR longer than 1 year its ok)~~
- Decision to not vote on this since we expect that it will take until 3.4 to get a good user experience.

- Tim proposed that we (Jürgen) update the release schedule to reflect that 3.4 will be the next LTR.
  - Tim: +1
  - Paolo: +1
  - Jürgen: +0
  - Andreas: +1
  - Anita: +1
  - Richard: +1
- TODO Anita: Publish plans on blog.qgis.org to let people know that 3.4 will be LTR

Old todos

Financial
- **TODO: Andreas** to indicate a proposed budget for grants
  - At the AGM we can vote to approve the budget and then announce a new call after the AGM → Done. See budget proposal 2018 (25 k reserved for QGIS grants)
- **TODO Andreas**: **https://stripe.com** - Andreas to assess if their conditions are ok (not yet done)
- **Pending**: Application for tax exemption for QGIS.ORG: waiting for response from tax authorities → no official response yet. Should arrive mid January.
- **TODO Tim:** write blog post thanking the Essen sponsors (Marco Lechner, Thomas Schüttenberg) (We are going to include these thank you's in the end of year report - I have written to Thomas asking for details) (not yet done)
- **TODO: Tim** to write to the Essen sponsors personally and thank them. (not yet done)
- **TODO**: Richard propose that we ask Lene if she can help do this (and as a standard part of HF organising)
- Financial report not yet ready. Will be ready Sunday evening, Jan 14. Still waiting for some invoices for work that was done last year. Total income in 2017: €111,610.12, Total expenses so far: €100,482.36 - about 4-6k € pending as 2017 expenses. Current situation so far: summary compared with 2017 budget, Details (accounting)
- 2018 budget proposal (for AGM)

QGIS.org organization
- **TODO:** Tim to check when other votings for AGM need to happen..
- **TODO**: Tim to check when next PSC votings needs to happen …
- **TODO Tim:** AGM Call for agenda items - beginning Jan 2018
  - AGM just before Madeira - 10 Feb 2018
  - Andreas can have finances ready first week of Jan (pending)
- ~~**Update**: Voting member nominations were held for 9 incoming countries:~~

- ○ **Incoming countries (see** summary**):** Norway, South Africa, France, Sweden, Georgia, Kenya, Australia, USA, Mexico
- ○ **Incoming voting members (see** voting calcs**):** Alessandro Pasotti, Victor Olaya, Lene Fischer, Harrissou Sant-anna (already a country voting member), Vincent Picavet (already a voting member), Mathieu Pellerin, Luigi Pirelli. Alexandre Neto, Tom Chadwin, Marco Hugentobler, Paul Blottiere
- ○ **Loomio voting member group updated** to include country reps and corresponding community voting members
- ○ **New members have been emailed**, welcoming them

Release:
- ● What are the criteria for approving the release? After 4 weeks of bugfixing we should go ahead and release.
- ● **TODO**: Anita prepare a splash which includes a warning to users that they are early adopters and QGIS 3.0 may not be stable or safe to use in production. (not yet done)
- ● **TODO** Paolo:
  - ○ Plugin porting guide needed
  - ○ API breaks documentation needs to be provided
  - ○ Python API docs from Denis
  - ○ From2to3 script from Jürgen
  - ○ Plugin builder for QGIS 3
  - ○ Python cookbook? Is it clear what is for 3 in there?
  - ○ Point to the developer list
  - ○ Find out about other resources out there (e.g. blog posts / notes from other devs)
  - ○ QGIS3 compat module (so 3.x plugins will also work on 2.18) from Matthias
  - ○ We need to put out a call for plugin authors to start porting
- ● TODO Tim:
  - ○ Get the visual changelog updated
  - ○ Focus on 'flashy' new features only

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)
- ● We will have two sites for the API (C++ and Python) but the content will all come from the C++ sources and no more SIP files (which are autogenerated on the fly)

Grant programme
- ● **TODO: Tim** get hold of each grant recipient and ask for a report back and current status.
- ● **TODO**: Compile a combined blog post with feedback from all participants
- ● **Update**: Email sent - will post the article when I get feedback from all.

- **TODO Anita:** ~~prepare blog post "call for proposals"~~ ~~(done)~~
- **TODO**: Tim (after go ahead from Andreas) send send out a new call for grant proposals (last was sent out 17 Feb 2017)

Administration:
- Tim to share his google drive with other PSC members in case he gets hit by a meteor

Documentation
- **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.

Dev meeting
- **TODO Andreas:** remind devs to register and fill in details. → Done - see https://lists.osgeo.org/pipermail/qgis-developer/2018-January/051238.html
    - Update Anita: I won't be able to make it to Madeira: not enough holidays this year and too long trip for just Sa+Su
    - Update Tim: I probably won't be able to make it to Madeira too :-(
    - Update Jürgen: Probably won't make it too
- Proposal from Paolo that we investigate how to better support remote participation of hackfests.
    - Tim offers his zoom room
    - Jürgen offers the IRC room
    - Maybe we should get a wireless Mic that we can use at the event and ask someone to be the 'remote conference chief'
- **TODO: Anita** to create event banners for Bonn ~~and Madeira~~ 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
- **TODO: Tim** to talk with Yves and Lene concerning September 2018 Hackfest Venue
    - QGIS Sprint proposed to be 1st 2nd 3rd of September (travel over on morning of 1st from Dar?) - ferry 1.5 hour $40 or fly $80
    - Do we want to stay till 3rd or 4th?
    - 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

Misc
- **TODO Andreas:** follow up on OSM plans to build a 3D model sharing repository (not yet done)

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)
  - Still waiting to hear back from Yves
- **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
- Still in "application published" state. Not yet final → see https://euipo.europa.eu/eSearch/#details/trademarks/017228222 - opposition period ends on January 19. If there is no opposition, the final registration is 2-4 weeks after January 19.
- **TODO Anita** need to update https://www.qgis.org/en/site/getinvolved/governance/trademark/index.html to reference new trademark (wait until opposition period is over or sooner?) (pending)
- **TODO: Tim** ask Maria to make a CMYK version of the logo (not yet done) Put here plz: http://www.qgis.org/en/site/getinvolved/styleguide.html
- ~~**TODO Anita:** QUG logo generator followup: https://klakar.github.io/qgis_logo_generator_2.htm~~
- **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

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

3.0 Release
- **TODO Anita**: Banner on main website letting people know that 2.18 will be the only LTR once 3.0 is released (pending)
- **TODO Anita**: OSGeo news item (pending)
- **TODO Tim:** Get the country user group representatives to send out a message to their mailing lists
  - **UPDATE**: still in my todo list. I will need some help drafting the email (review from Jürgen) to make sure I get the wording right.
  - For marketing main message should be that 2.14 is 'end of lifed'.
- **Installers**
  - **TODO**: Tim to write to William to ask him if he can update his page to reference 2.18 as LTR
  - **TODO**: Tim write to Larry to check on the status of a signed 2.18 LTR build.