



QGIS PSC Meeting 4th February 2019

Present

- Paolo
- Richard
- Anita
- Marco
- Andreas

Excused

- Jürgen

Video / Audio Channel

<https://zoom.us/j/932887626>

Previous meeting minutes

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1EghTqv5XtNkSUXPAsTPg7RTRcY_bq_8cmluHZzMwXIQ/edit

Next meetings

04 Mar 2019 - 20h00 Central Europe (Winter) Time (during User Conference)

01 Apr 2019 - 20h00 Central Europe Time

06 May 2019 - 20h00 Central Europe Time

TODOs from the QGIS.ORG Calendar

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/17N9j6s7IWZlzxPJXZbgo2z1qADWrOu6Avt7DIN8rFVk/edit>

- December (Marco): Run elections for new community voting members -> send as soon as I know if Matteo and Harrisou are eligible (they are country representatives)
 - All ready at: <https://goo.gl/forms/ieqIGSybQJJdcJ1t2>
 - <https://docs.google.com/document/d/1fxlxNN2NIXDgDmCDWx-lpfKYzpgy1JcYx2-devox8w/edit?usp=sharing>
 - Can they be country representatives and community members?

- December (Paolo): Formal request for agenda items → **waiting** for nominations & votes. Prepare a proper invitation with the AGM and its agenda (2017: https://drive.google.com/file/d/0B__vDnQXCkiwYmMtWk5Ia0paNGM/)
- January (Andreas): Financial auditors to check accounting and bank statements → Done. See <https://docs.google.com/document/d/16EN0MNjUytk35rAd2IjX28Iida1IdGbHo6Z7SIAmhpFg/edit?usp=sharing>
- 1 February (Paolo & Anita & Andreas): **Compile annual report**, incl. financial report for previous year <https://qgis.org/en/site/getinvolved/governance/finance/index.html>

New agenda items

Board / PSC elections

- Minutes of last AGM (2018) <https://drive.google.com/drive/u/0/folders/18tJk4-98IAex6JDexngJBayFG2I65yE4>
- <https://qgis.org/en/site/getinvolved/governance/psc.html#the-board> “Board members will serve for a two year term.” → No election necessary in 2019!
- Link to the statutes: https://docs.google.com/document/d/1FcChHYgoI4FLURrZRYBjD8kB6IBW_BaG0Ieg8TDT0pM/edit#heading=h.6pwe0mhptcch
- Option 1: everyone stands for reelection in 2020
 - +1 Andreas
 - +1 Paolo
 - +1 Marco
- Option 2: three members stand for reelection in 2019
 - +1 Anita
 - +1 Richard
- → **We go with Option 1!**
- **There will be one more community voting member. 3 groups added (Colombia, Spain, Romania), 2 removed (Georgia, New Zealand).**

Finances:

- Financial report: <https://docs.google.com/document/d/1kwtcjlgAxM3tbszxdRT8T-YKiYv-KZMrUQXzkEVdQo/edit>
- Financial auditing report: <https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1atc0Yqa8bGJpNLMCrIWBvyyuGWpgRe9Xa?usp=sharing>
- 2019 budget: https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1I_xXVE8RGBNFnJGoBhdLYO4MVm8DICRudhM1DRINSq8/edit#gid=0

A Coruña meeting:

- approving travel support requests:
<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1FkqjzjRWInTS2AVxSpJM-UtkRafPYUqQOMlvjIzkzIY/edit#gid=1896805420>
- Will ask Rosa and Jorge what they plan to contribute or did in the past for QGIS

AGM invitation and content.

- Annual report
- Invitation, incl. change of the charter (sustaining members instead of sponsors)
- [Proposal for change in our charter \(see new section 6\)](#)

User question January “Have you ever contributed to improving QGIS?”

- Results
https://docs.google.com/document/d/1V_NWg0qTdL_T7ZccaG1sSdFafgTBm3GTX6fASMoAhg0/edit?usp=sharing
- **TODO Marco:** Talk to Matthias about implementing information about how to contribute to the project in the “recent projects” screen. We could also include polls in that recent projects screen.

OLD agenda items

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Marco Question: there are some pseudo user groups what do we do?

- <https://twitter.com/qgisghana> → TODO Marco: contact
- <https://twitter.com/qgismada> → TODO Marco: contact
- <https://twitter.com/QGISMadagascar> → TODO Marco: contact

OSGeo Budget request by Angelos (OSGeo projects)

- “This year, the board is discussing about assigning a starting budget of 2000\$ to all graduated projects who have reported to the board the last 12 months (see <https://git.osgeo.org/gitea/osgeo/todo/issues/11>)
We would like to ask you to help us with budget proposals to assist your project. This will help us set aside a realistic amount of funding.
- **Idea:** WFS test environment (Regis)
- **TODO Anita:** ask Regis & provide feedback to OSGeo
 - http://test.qgis.org/ogc_cite/wfs_110/latest/report.html - **DONE:** budget requested!

Lutra / Mac

- **Ongoing** <https://www.lutraconsulting.co.uk/crowdfunding/mac-os-qgis/>
- **In progress:** Tim to discuss with William about official packages that should be linked from download.qgis.org

- Annual Apple Developers certificate cost of 99 US\$ → **TODO**: get OSGeo certificate from Larry / try if the one we use for Windows build is usable/the same?

QGIS.pro

- Andreas contacted them → they changed their address to <http://qgispro.geosysnet.de> but the **product name is still just QGIS.pro** → **keep pestering them**, announcing that we'll take it to public channels if they don't respond

TODO Marco: Discussion around github to gitlab migration and issue tracker

- Andreas: put 10k into the 2019 budget for supporting that work, but we would need consensus and a plan → **Still pending discussion with Marco, Denis, Jürgen, ...**

TODO Marco: QGIS Releases (following up various people asking me about this)

What would you think about:

Q1: only 2 releases per year (asked by some devs) to provide more development time between feature freezes → **TODO Marco**: discuss with core developers

Q2: LTR for two years instead of just one (asked by users) to reduce the overhead of installations in industry / government environments

Andreas: Discuss ways to improve quality in QGIS. Give users and developers a break from the new feature flood in order to have more time for fixing issues

- Users in general think that the features in QGIS are mostly good enough or better than what they need, but they would prefer to have a more stable release
- Some ideas to improve quality:
 - a) Enlarge the period of bug fixing in each cycle. E.g instead of 3 months of new feature development and 1 month of bug fixing have 10 weeks of feature development and 6 weeks of bug fixing
 - b) Switch from 3 releases per year to two releases per year and each release would have a two month feature freeze for bug fixing. So per year it would be 8 months developing new features and four months bug fixing.
 - c) One upcoming release (e.g. 3.8) would not allow for new features, but only fixes and small improvements (e.g. usability enhancements) are allowed
- Comment Andreas: personally I would prefer option b).
- Or else: we could spend all of our bug fixing financial resources only on the LT version? It is just a question - not sure if it is good? - the downside is that devs would probably be not so keen on spending many days only on one release for bug fixing, while otherwise it could be a more continuous process ... - maybe we should ask devs what they think about it and not decide it now.
- **TODO Andreas**: talk to devs (on PSC mailing list) about idea to put (financial) focus on LTR
 - Ask the devs whether there are ways to make bug fixing more efficient (also from a budget point of view)

- Andreas: I personally wonder what the percentage between QGIS.ORG funded bug fixing and bug fixing funded through support contracts is in general? Of course there is no answer to this - I am just wondering if we have an idea?

Infrastructure

- **changelog.qgis.org** has no SSL certificate, but it is a critical part of our infrastructure
 - Would SNI be a solution?
 - <https://wiki.apache.org/httpd/NameBasedSSLVHostsWithSNI>
- <https://www.qgis.org/en/site/about/sponsorship.html> → should link to sponsors homepage, not to changelog website (that has no additional information)
- **TODO** Richard: will try to do a reverse proxy (with letsencrypt) on qgis2, pointing to kartoza's projecta site. Projecta is too much in flux currently, so running our own instance is not yet feasible.

TODO Richard (maybe at hackfest with ismail):

- Bring back url in sponsorlist <https://github.com/kartoza/prj.app/pull/996>
- Remove amount paid
- Randomize Commercial list
- And <https://github.com/kartoza/prj.app/pull/997> → **TODO**: discuss with Ismail at the hackfest!

Website

- **TODO: Richard** to follow up again with Régis and <http://test.qgis.org> for OGC testing results (and/or other? Landing page to travis etc?) **(not yet done)**

Server migration (QGIS1/osgeo)

- **TODO Richard** : only procmail/MTA/Paypal -> qgis2 or wait for Stripe ... **(not yet done)**
- **TODO Richard + Tim** : need to review our backup strategy **(not yet done)**