



QGIS PSC Meeting 7th January 2019

Present

- Andreas
- Marco
- Paolo
- Anita
- Jürgen
- Richard

Excused

Video / Audio Channel

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

Previous meeting minutes

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1TeVmd8W-vJ0NxKmrFybcAV4Sxci50WbNGyZhM5F4bZc/edit>

Next meetings

04 Feb 2019 - 20h00 Central Europe (Winter) Time

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>

- November (Marco): Add representatives of new user groups to the voting member pool
- -> so far 5 responses, shall I do a second reminder? Vote closes wed. → **TODO Marco reminder**
- November (Marco): Organize nominations of candidates for community voting members
- December (Marco): Run elections for new community voting 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/view)
- January (Andreas): Financial auditors to check accounting and bank statements

New agenda items

Outstanding User groups UG issues

- **Zambia**
 - **TODO** Marco: add Zambia (**TODO: Marco**) -> will probably slip to next year as they haven't manage to even register the domain yet.
- **Cyprus** lacks a proper website (only Facebook)
 - To be removed
- **New Zealand** user group
 - Brent Wood brent.wood@niwa.co.nz
<https://teamwork.niwa.co.nz/display/NQUG/NIWA+QGIS+Users+Group> → **in progress?**
 - **TODO: marco: remove the NZ user group after asking**
 - **PROBLEM they were counted in 2016' vote**
- **Georgia** no link on <https://qgis.org/en/site/forusers/usergroups.html>
 - Anita asked the voting member (Zurab Archvadze) to provide website link → no response for a whole month (two emails) → **TODO Marco: remove / mark inactive**
 - **PROBLEM they were counted in 2017' vote**
- **TODO:** Give New Zealand time until the end of the week. Afterwards, we vote for 1 or 2 new community voting members.

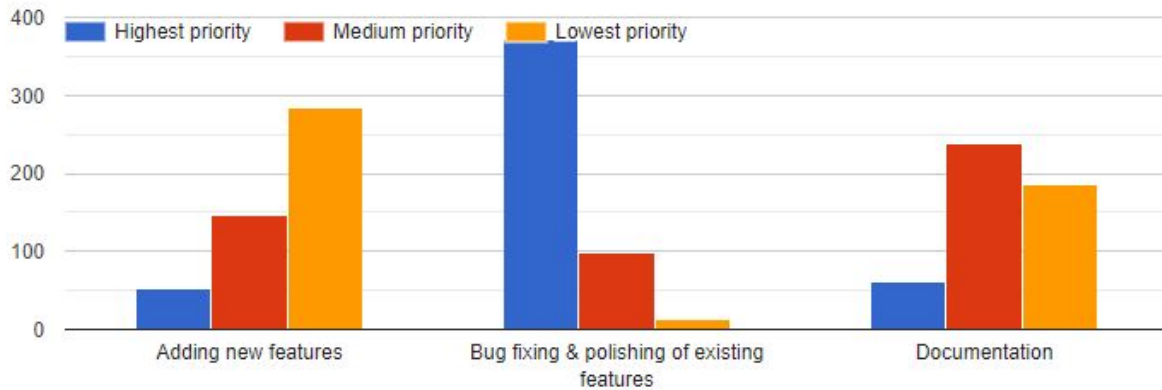
Marco Question: there are some pseudo user groups what do we do?

- <https://twitter.com/qgisghana> → TODO Marco: contact
- <https://twitter.com/QGISAT> (Anita's account)
- <https://twitter.com/qgismada> → TODO Marco: contact
- <https://twitter.com/QGISMadagascar> → TODO Marco: contact

Anita: Results of user question of Dec 2018

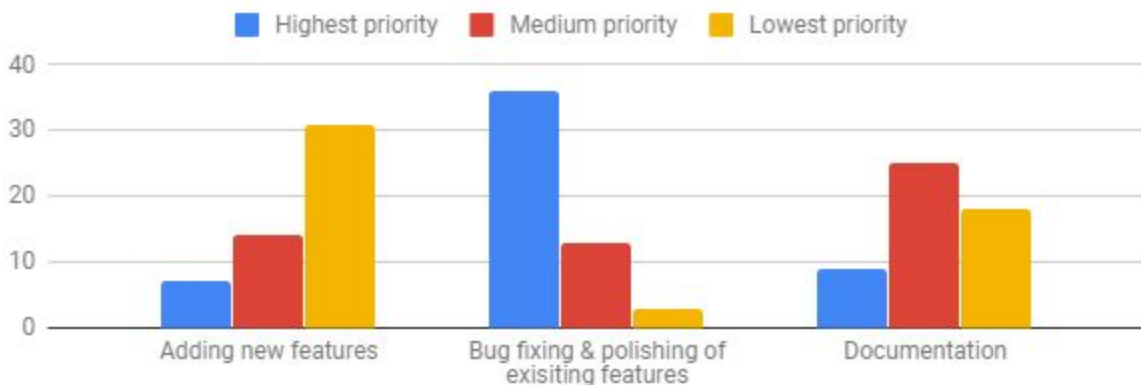
English

What should QGIS.ORG focus on in 2019?



French

Quelle doit être la priorité de QGIS.ORG pour l'année 2019?



→ **Decision: grants 2019 only for polishing existing features**

- **IN PROGRESS Anita:** ask “have you ever paid for bugfixing” as a January question
 - Localization effort managed by Carlos Rivas
https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1mT1VOVtqsafO_IQAdttvYJd4O3rNlaFhvdIF1_OdocY/edit#gid=751456405

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

Finances

- There is a loss of about 28k €, but a lot of unpaid and paid work went into the release of 3.0 and bug fixing of 3.4. Final numbers are at public financial report 2018 (<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1kwtcjlgAxM3tbsxzdRT8T-YKiYv-KZMrUQXzkEVdQo/edit#> numbers are final, but text not yet) resp. Budget in comparison with actual numbers at https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1WphBgUOx0abTJ_33jRVqFTkRU7KYrg8GyBLFdkYC2hw/edit#gid=0
- There is still an error in the accounting of about 30 € (still hunting for the mistake).

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?

Domains

- **TODO:** Qgis.eu (Hetzer)

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

Change sponsors to sustaining members (without special benefits)

- **TODO Paolo:** Add to AGM agenda!
- [Proposal for change in our charter \(see new section 6\)](#)

OLD agenda items

TODO Marco: Bugtracker Discussion

When can we have a call with Denis Marco, Paolo, Jürgen

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 → **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:

- Bring back url in sponsorlist

- Remove amount paid
- Randomize Commercial list

Support for critical functions

- Paolo's suggestion: "we should find a more general solution: for every critical function we should build a team, with one member from PSC and an assistant from outside it. This will make the system more robust, and will smooth out transitions when one member resigns. I suggest therefore either to start co-opting people, or put out announcements for candidatures."
 - List of critical functions
 - Plugin management: Paolo → Muhammad Yarjuna Rohmat (Kartoza)
 - Accountancy (invoices, reminds of expired sponsorship): Andreas → **TODO: provide emergency access to Marco?**
 - Organizing AGM: chair with support of the PSC/board
 - ...
 - Call for helpers → approach people directly

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: Andreas** to check and provide feedback
 - Open issues (already reported to Richard and Tim):
 - Links to company website (directly, without going through projecta first)
 - Hide sponsorship amount
 - Provide info about city and country of origin
 - See <https://github.com/kartoza/prj.app/issues/974>

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)**