



# QGIS PSC Meeting 7th April 2020

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## Present

- Paolo
- Andreas
- Anita
- Jürgen
- Marco

## Excused:

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Chair: Paolo

Secretary: Andreas

## Video / Audio Channel

Test with: <https://nextcloud.osgeo.org/call/no26hv7x> -> failed connecting for some of us

Alternatively, with: <https://edu.meet.garr.it/qgis>

In case of issues we'll revert to: <https://meet.google.com/ynr-jkov-qxf>

## Previous meeting minutes

[https://docs.google.com/document/d/1jINPb0dQuW2Jqazuux2a\\_87PjEaO8OSgc8zGb5zCGGE/edit?usp=sharing](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1jINPb0dQuW2Jqazuux2a_87PjEaO8OSgc8zGb5zCGGE/edit?usp=sharing)

## Next meetings

See calendar

## Tickets

<https://github.com/qgis/PSC/issues/>

- Grant proposal process <https://github.com/qgis/PSC/issues/31>: updated process description available at [QGIS Grant Programme Organization](#)
  - Anita: Vote by email?
    - yes
- LTR Survey <https://github.com/qgis/PSC/issues/34> status: > 1,400 responses
  - Anita: Should we publish the raw data so that everyone can analyze it?
    - +1 for publishing everything
  - Separate analysis for larger organizations
  - Andreas: we can share both the raw data and our interpretations

## Agenda

Votes:

- **AGM preparation**
  - Send matters arising
    - Plugins (<https://github.com/qgis/PSC/issues/1>) -> TODO Paolo send this to voting ML
    - Environmental policy (<https://github.com/qgis/PSC/issues/36>) -> TODO Andreas send this to voting ML
  - The open equivalent of Loomio would be great for voting & discussions (I think there is a voting platform for NextCloud <https://apps.nextcloud.com/apps/polls> )
  - Last year AGM <https://www.loomio.org/d/BO2LChvc/general-assembly-2019>
- **Use of proprietary software**
  - Paolo suggests free software should be the first choice. We should choose proprietary alternatives only when it is proven that free software fails to provide a reasonable solution. The PSC should vote in case a proprietary solution is suggested.
    - +1 Jürgen
    - +1 Paolo
    - +1 Andreas
    - +1 Marco
    - +1 Anita
    - -1 Tim - Prefer that we vote on any solution (Proprietary or FOSS and choose it based on merits rather than its license).
  - List of potential alternatives:
    - Nextcloud instead of Google Docs

- +0 → first needs Test (Andreas)
    - -1 Marco unless the testing is really good
    - +1 Paolo
    - +0 Anita (have no experience with it yet)
    - -1 Tim (who will take care of migrating all the content, for what reward?)
  - Jitsi instead of Google Meeting or Zoom
    - +1 Andreas
    - +1 Marco
    - +1 Jürgen
    - +1 Paolo
    - +1 Anita
    - +1 Tim
  - Nextcloud polls instead of Loomio
    - +0 Andreas → first needs a test
    - I'm going to install and report (Paolo)
    - <https://nextcloud.osgeo.org/apps/polls/>  
<https://nextcloud.osgeo.org/apps/polls/poll/kUMUEGTpk68esa6r>
    - +0 Anita
    - -1 Marco
    - -1 Tim Scattering our polls over many places will make confusion
  - Gitlab instead of Github
    - -1 Marco
    - +1 Jürgen
    - +1 Andreas (if someone does the work?)
    - +0 Anita (if someone does the work)
    - -1 Tim (its a waste of time and money - we should focus on QGIS Core project not infrastructure)
  - Travis (alternative?)
  - Azure pipelines (alternative?)
- **Past resolutions in**  
[https://github.com/qgis/QGIS-Website/blob/master/source/site/getinvolved/governance/resolutions/2020\\_resolutions.rst](https://github.com/qgis/QGIS-Website/blob/master/source/site/getinvolved/governance/resolutions/2020_resolutions.rst)
    - Please check and add if something is missing
  - **Official list of recommended crowd-funding initiatives on or website or announce it as “QGIS.ORG” on the mailing list**  
Andreas: got questions on [finance@qgis.org](mailto:finance@qgis.org) if the vector-tiles initiative is an “official” or “recommended” initiative.  
Andreas: ask Tim about adding a flag at sustaining members if they want to get e-mails about upcoming crowdfunding initiatives
  - **Upstream library fixes in GEOS:**  
Nyall sent a list of good to have GEOS improvements to Andreas. Strk could work on it,

but could start only in autumn (busy with other stuff). Should we find other GEOS devs instead of strk or wait until he gets available again?

From Nyall: I'd say the highest priority ones are all the "... doesn't give expected result" type bugs (because they'll directly result in the same issue in QGIS). So things like <https://trac.osgeo.org/geos/ticket/984> , <https://trac.osgeo.org/geos/ticket/980>, <https://trac.osgeo.org/geos/ticket/979>, <https://trac.osgeo.org/geos/ticket/960> - those kind of tickets. The other big thing we really need from GEOS is performance optimisations. So eg <https://trac.osgeo.org/geos/ticket/1007> would make a HUGE difference in the speed of QGIS labeling.

TODO: Andreas to ask other GEOS devs (Martin Davis, Paul Ramsey). Otherwise wait for Sandro to have time for working on it.

- **How do we deal with upstream fixes in general?**  
Separate items in budget or treat it as part of QGIS.ORG bug fixing? As an example Even Rouault participates regularly in bug fixing efforts, but also fixes GDAL/OGR stuff on behalf of QGIS. I think this is desirable - should we extend this to other libraries as well, such as GEOS and PRØJ?
  - Decision: all of OSGeo libraries can be dealt with as part of the regular QGIS bug fixing:
    - +1 Andreas
    - +1 Jürgen
    - +1 Marco
    - +1 Anita
    - +1 Paolo
    - +1 Tim
  - How about Qt?
    - Keep as currently

## AGM

- READY: Financial report and auditing report is published at <https://www.qgis.org/en/site/getinvolved/governance/finance/index.html> with the disclaimer that it isn't approved yet by the AGM
- READY: Annual report is ready
- READY: PSC candidates are nominated <https://github.com/qgis/QGIS/wiki/2020-PSC-Election-Candidates>
  - **Done Marco**: prepare voting
- Matters arising:
  - Binary and windows only plugins (<https://github.com/qgis/PSC/issues/1>)
    - Does not affect the charter
    - Simple majority required
    - No general agreement within PSC → no recommendation

- Environmental policy: missing still. TODO: Tim and Andreas
- **TODO Andreas:** finalized, but needs to be published as PDF file yet. Will send it out to the voting members e-mail list. Open voting and discussion on Loomio.
- Suggest Harrisou honourable member
  - +1 Marco
  - +1 Jürgen
  - +1 Andreas
  - +1 Paolo
  - +1 Anita
  - +1 Tim
- Suggest Nyall honourable member
  - +1 Paolo
  - +1 Andreas
  - +1 Marco
  - +1 Jürgen
  - +1 Anita
  - +1 Tim
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- ODO: Marco to send out suggestions for honorable member to voting members as part of “matters arising”