



QGIS PSC Meeting 9th Nov 2021

Present

- Marco
- Andreas
- Jürgen
- Alessandro
- Paolo

Excused:

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Chair: Marco

Secretary: Anita

Video / Audio Channel

<https://meet.jit.si/QGIS-PSC>

Previous meeting minutes

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1IWzHR9BVdHEo8PkmJcQfcVGZrRjaz_wxkbfWYBqIt2g/e/dit#heading=h.zahh3qixm5zn

Next meetings

See calendar

17:00 -18:30

Tickets

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

Past resolutions in

https://github.com/qgis/QGIS-Website/blob/master/source/site/getinvolved/governance/resolutions/2020_resolutions.rst

Agenda

Marco: PSC election process

Different proposals:

- PSC is selected and PSC should internally assign the positions of the board (chair, vice-chair, treasurer). If PSC can't come up with a proposal for the board, then the community should vote again.

Feedback on the AGM matter, i.e. voting member preference for the four options:

- #1 "Keep it the way it is" - none
- #2 "Kill the weighting" - Andreas, Marco, Anita, Jürgen
 - 2 votes in one round:
 - 1. Elect the board (chair, vice, treasurer from candidates for these positions). All 3 board members are automatically PSC members.
 - 2. Select PSC members (from all candidates available for PSC). The first remaining non-board members (ranked by nr of votes) are selected as the additional PSC members.
- #3 "Two rounds" - Thomas
 - Round 1: Election of the board (chair, vice, treasurer from candidates for these positions)
 - Round 2: Election of the PSC members from remaining candidates
- #4 "PSC decides board (and if PSC cannot decide there needs to be a second round)" - Régis, Denis, Kurt, Luigi
 - Round 1: Election of the PSC from all available candidates
 - PSC gets together to form board
 - Any PSC member can call for a second round where the board is elected (from the PSC or from all candidates?)

TODO Marco Bernasocchi Ask voters for feedback on reviewed #2 (addressing why #4 is not preferred by PSC)

Alessandro: Github Commit rights maintenance (Nyall's proposal):

<https://lists.osgeo.org/pipermail/qgis-psc/2021-October/009528.html>

1. QGIS core contributor status is for life
2. Github core committer rights will be revoked after 24 months of inactivity
3. Github core committer rights will be given back if the contributor restarts to contribute

Vote

- +1 Anita

- +1 Marco
- +1 Alessandro
- +1 Paolo
- +1 Jürgen
- +1 Andreas

Alessandro: Conda as package manager for QGIS? (Even's proposal)

Requires developer assessment regarding feasibility

Potential issues:

- Proprietary enhancements / dependencies
- Lack of GRASS, SAGA
- No nice graphical installer (for Windows users especially)
- Would be quite a lot of work and Jürgens work put into OSGeo4W doesn't help much for Conda

TODO: play ball back to developer community, PSC cannot perform the feasibility analysis

Andreas: Windows package size (some Swiss QGIS users asked why the size of the windows binary installers increased so much)

- Proj is 0.5GB
 - Technically could be implemented to be an on-demand download (but not a good option for users who cannot download due to IT policies)
 - There used to be regional packages of grids but they have been abandoned

No TODO.

OLD Agenda

Marco: AGM

- Andreas Voigt and Andreas Vonlaufen volunteer again as financial auditors

Alessandro: potential issues in server documentation (reported on user mailing list)

Alessandro: ask Oslandia to look into it

DONE. good feedback

Marco: next release names

Pick a place name associated with Havard

TODO Anita: get in touch with orienteering group / Havard's wife for map

Next ones: Buenos Aires; Den Bosch?

Andreas: Approaching larger sponsors who support FOSS4G

- **TODO Marco:** try to identify promising contacts and reach out to them as chair
- **TODO Marco:** follow-up on Google 10 most important C++ projects

Marco: New address

TODO Andreas: update trade registry
Via Geinas 2
7031 Laax

Contact information on our website

TODO Anita: add certification@qgis.org, board@qgis.org and security@qgis.org to the website

Andreas: budget meeting → Nov 16th

Gatekeepers, Community roles draft

TODO Marco: still ongoing at [here](#)

Call for PR reviewers

- Suggestion from Martin D.
<https://lists.osgeo.org/pipermail/qgis-developer/2021-May/063568.html>
- Alessandro suggests that we need a clearer process for handling backports
- General agreement to increase the available budget (current budget: €10k)
- **TODO Anita:** Add note to 2022 call for grant proposal to factor in reviewing costs
- **TODO Anita:** Next year, communicate to proposal authors that they have to write the summaries

Andreas: [2y LTR \(QEP\)](#)

Open question #1: will we have overlapping LTRs, i.e. one LTR per year? Or only one LTR every second year? → No overlaps are preferred since it's less work for the project and less confusing for the users (i.e. there are not two LTRs at the same time)

Open question #2: do we need to manage "stable libraries"? → Let's try without.

TODO marco: follow-up vision meeting → [Goals of QGIS](#)

TODO: invite Tim to one of the next PSC meetings

To follow up on **Tim's idea "Young staff."** Tim suggests reserving 20-30k € (annual salary) for a person in a less-developed country that could work on bugfixing, maintenance, documentation, ...

Could be proxied/employed f.e. through Kartoza.

- Alessandro suggests picking only people who are already contributing on a voluntary basis to the project and are not motivated by money only - at least for development and bug-fixing work. For infrastructure work it is different - it is the boring work that people don't tend to do on a voluntary basis.
- Marco suggests focusing paid staff on working on project-related tasks that are not directly related to QGIS Desktop/Server.

- Anita suggests identifying tasks that could be done by such a paid staff and then discussing this suggestion with the community → **TODO Tim** to create a shortlist and post it to PSC list

Tim: Blacklisting plugins that crash QGIS

TODO Tim: draft the process and discuss it with dev list / QEP

Voting platform

- Old discussion never concluded
- We have an non centralised solution that is hard to track:
 - Google forms for community votes are hard to follow and take time to create
 - ML discussion on votes is nearly nonexistent
- Resolutions copying to website is neglected (last copy in June by Anita)
- Marco: re-suggest centralising all voting to a single **loomio** instance (as OSGeo-board is doing - <https://www.loomio.org/g/kdSmlwxu/osgeo-board>)

Conclusion: create PDFs of the Google Docs to put on the wiki (if possible) or the website → Tim will ask someone from Kartoza

Update: 2021-10-05 unfortunately this approach does not work / <https://github.com/qgis/QGIS/wiki#psc-meetings> is not up to date:

PSC Meetings

Every first Tuesday of the month, the PSC meets on <https://meet.jit.si/QGIS-PSC>

PSC calendar ([view](#), [subscribe .ics](#))

This is a list of QGIS PSC meeting minutes, available for public reference:

2021

- [May 2021](#)
- [April 2021](#)
- [March 2021](#)
- [February 2021](#)
- [January 2021 PDF: January 2021.pdf](#)

TODO **Marco Bernasocchi** ask Tim