

Software Underground

Board Meeting

1 December 2022

Minutes are recorded in green.

Agenda

We will start at 17.00 UTC on Thursday 1 October. Quorum is 5.

Chair: The chair is Matt Hall.

Regrets: Leo, Luisa, Brendon, Chance (maybe)

Present: Matt, Dieter, Rowan, Brendon (part)

Visiting: Thomas

Previous meeting

Previous meeting minutes are on GitHub:

<https://github.com/softwareunderground/swung-org/blob/main/board>

Meetings are not currently being recorded.

Remarks:

- No quorum.

Board

Director update: Olawale is stepping away from the board.

Remarks:

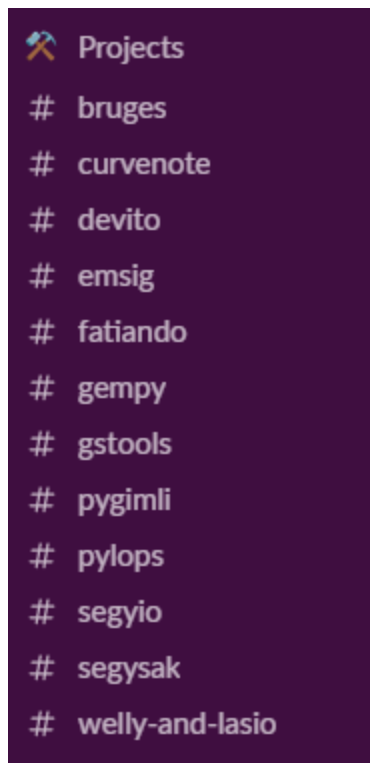
- Proposal: we should acquire/assign some roles in 2023. To discuss on Slack before Xmas.
- Matt to dig out board roles we formulated, put in #swung-org to try to decide on some roles before Jan meeting.

Quick updates

Following up on 2 items from 27 October meeting:

- Some core projects are being reminded about Plausible.
- Members will have been informed about the proposal process, see <https://swung.slack.com/archives/C094GV18T/p1669903543769569>

By the way is my list of "project" channels complete?



Remarks:

- **This was just information.**

Slack

Any objection to archiving T22 channels? I'll use some judgment, some could be renamed etc instead, and I'll check in with authors etc.

There was a conversation recently about group @-mentions, see <https://swung.slack.com/archives/C0138FEJRUZ/p1669150434800039>

- **Restrict the use of @everyone everywhere except by admins [there are only special options for #general]**

And about channel join/leave messages, see

<https://swung.slack.com/archives/C0138FEJRUZ/p1669455001787029>

- **Turn off the join/leave messages [this is the only option]**

Note that according to the docs:

You'll always see these [join/leave] messages in some cases – such as in small channels, private channels and when a person joins a channel by invitation.

Remarks:

- **Dieter check in the #swung-org channel no-one objects << DONE**
- **Switch both these things**
- **Check back in 6 months**

Meetings

Jo: How did FOSS4G UK Local go?

Matt: Field Camp, TRANSFORM

Remarks:

- **To discuss in Jan.**

Swung Journal / Curvenote / MyST

[This topic is carried over from last time]

Curvenote has energy here and there's a chance to try something tangible that could have substantial impact. Strikes me (Matt) that Swung should try to be bold here to make a proper experiment of it. There's really no failure mode.

Some steps:

- **Resurrect #swung-journal < done**
- **Name an editorial board of 4 to 8 folks and empower them to act < solicit in the channel with a position statement**
- **Solidify the current offers of content and start with something in... January?**
- **Might need a new domain?**

- Register for DOI?
- Ideas welcome, but do join the editorial effort if you have more than 1 :D

Remarks:

- CrossRef Membership: USD 275.00 per year, DOIs can be added at \$1 per DOI (less for chapters or components), billed quarterly.
- Soft Commitments:
 - Brendon Hall
 - Seogi Kang (has existing MT tutorial recently given)
 - Leo Uieda
 - Lindsey Heagy (+/- students)
 - Matthew Turk (<https://yt-project.org/>), (+/- students)
 - Gareth Funning (Earthquakes & InSAR visualization)
- Technology Stack: using open source only (<https://myst.tools>) community driven tools by ExecutableBooks team.
- Upcoming grants in Canada:
 - There is an innovation grant from Research Alliance & Compute Canada coming early next year (Feb/March)
 - If we were to apply for this, it would be good to have a seed of the project by then.

Remarks:

- **Components: governance (memo of understanding), editorial board (high-tech), tech stack (Curvenote + MyST), management (marketing etc)**
- **Clear opportunity to disrupt not only the end product, but the peer review process, templates, editing process. Test-driven publishing.**
- **Thomas: no real code review in Sed Record experience; Volcanica etc. What's the domain of this journal. E.g. highly interactive, notebookized, code-forward. Matt: question is, "What can the reader _do_?" Dieter: re-usable resources.**
- **ASAP: make a vision document based on some input from the channel. Eg. "What are the attributes of a world-changing, best-in-class, globally impactful digital journal for subsurface, and how does Swung _sustainably_ grow one?" (where sustainability includes financial sustainability.)**
- **Rowan to do a magical mystery tour of the 'state of the art' in awesome journals. Ca. 1 hour, invite the channel.**

Board meetings

Do we want to change the time or day of the board meetings? The next ones are not booked yet, so there's a good chance here to do that.

Remarks:

- **Will take to #swung-org << DONE**

Any other business

None.

Parking lot / next meeting

These items will go into the next board meeting(s):

- Matt still needs to update the tech spreadsheet:
<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1mNAGEgQNvfZem5zY38u9etn200aFWbE2zJLcMEdiL4Y/edit?usp=sharing>
- Check the status of receipt for Swung membership/donations (so it can potentially be deducted / charged to the employer like the membership of other professional societies).
- pyOpenSci is restarting and wants to work with SwUng. Leah Wasser is leading it and on SwUng.
- **January 2023: Executive roles for directors in 2023. Float in Slack before Christmas.**
- **June 2023: check that the Slack switch-off of channel announcements was the right move.**
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