

Software Underground

Board Meeting

31 January 2023

Minutes are recorded in green.

Agenda

We will start at 16.00 UTC on Tuesday 31 January 2023. Quorum is 5.

Chair: The chair is Matt Hall.

Regrets: Leo

Present: Jo, Matt, Rowan, Luisa, Leiaka, Dieter, Chance, Brendon

Visiting:

Previous meeting

Previous meeting minutes are on GitHub:

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

Meetings are not currently being recorded.

Board

We proposed dishing out roles on the board. See Slack conversation.

Rowan: Community, Events, Outreach/Support, Funding/Partnerships/Grants, Next Things.

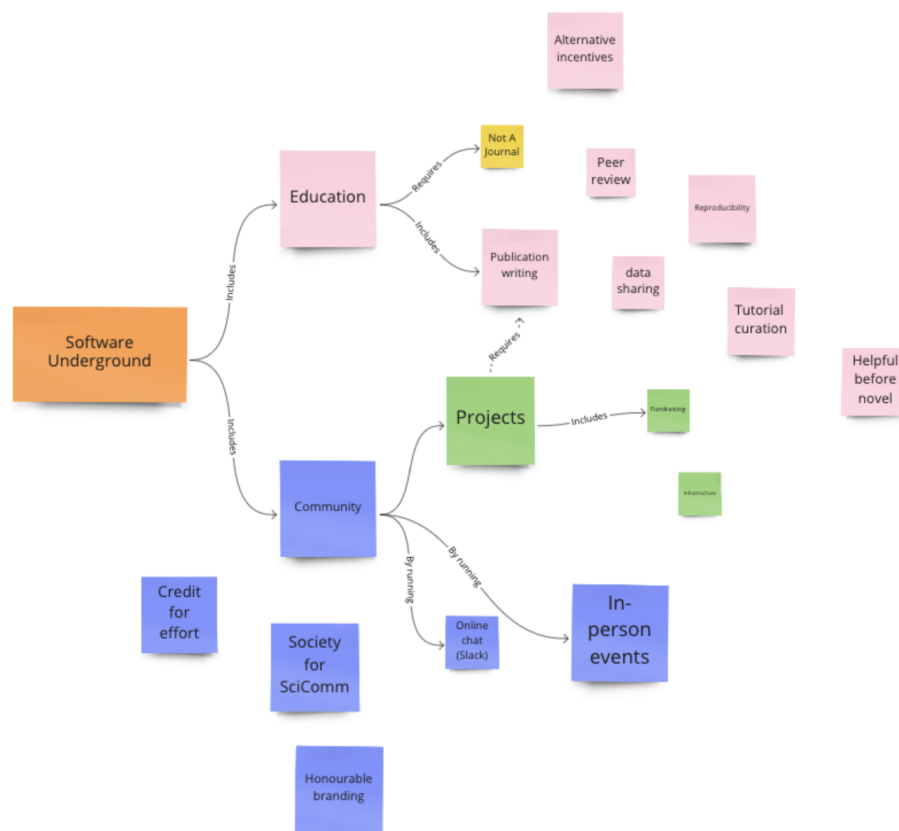
Matt has seen other organizations with people working on Members & New Members, Content (website, Github, social media), and Finance & Administration.

- What's the minimum viable set of jobs?
- What do we need urgently?
- What are people interested in contributing to?

Remarks:

- **Dieter: maybe better to think about what we want to achieve:**
 - **Keeping the Slack awesome and improving it**

- Events: meetups, Rendezvous and Transform -> publishing?
- The journal experiment
- Some strategy mapping exercise needed - what are the focuses?
- Event organising committee with a focus - possible return to hackathon plug-in events to larger confs, but run in hybrid way - is there appetite?
- https://miro.com/welcomeonboard/bHBwVUFHSzVBVnh4QUNwN2ZkNzFrRUFLTzVXo0U0JmY3kwdjNVeHVRdVlCRnNma0Z4M2RpeEtLWTJsYjN2T3wzNDU4NzY0NTQ0ODc1NzgzNjQ2fDI=?share_link_id=847851218698 - rough outline for a Miro mind-map of Swung activities, is this sort of thing useful?



Quick updates

Following up on items from 27 October and 1 December meetings:

- Some core projects were reminded about Plausible. Devito expressed some interest, but no action yet.
- Members were reminded about the proposal process, see <https://swung.slack.com/archives/C094GV18T/p1669903543769569>

- Many T22 channels were archived.
- Dieter: any unexpected repercussions from the changes to @-mentions we made in December?

Remarks:

- @everyone / @channel / join / leave notifications are still turned off.
 - Revisit in 6 months!

Meetings

Jo: How did FOSS4G UK Local go?

Write up from organizers <https://uk.osgeo.org/foss4guk2022local/lessons-learned.html>

- [FOSS4G UK 2022 - Sparkgeo represent at key open-source conference | Sparkgeo](#)
- [Recommended viewing: FOSS4GUK: 2022 - Astun Technology](#)
- [FOSS4G UK - YouTube - archive of the streams](#)
- [Agenda - Google Sheets - this spreadsheet was the index](#)

Remarks:

- Hosted by OS / BGS - host a physical venue
- Live stream to youtube (comments), capture in a playlist
- Keynotes were streamed live to all events (stitched events together!)

Swung Journal

See extensive discussion in October and December. Rowan gave us (me, Steve P, John A, Brendon H) an overview of some other 'modern' journals, from technology to business models. In summary: there's a clear opportunity to do something that is novel, beautiful, and useful to the community, with a strong focus on reproducibility and executability.

See feedback from the community here

<https://swung.slack.com/archives/C094GV18T/p1674415231447839>

Proposal: convene a squad to manage the production of a prototype version as soon as possible. Aim to 'release' the first 'issue' (whatever these words mean in the context of continuous integration etc) right after TRANSFORM, so about late May / June?

Remarks:

- Presentation: very [very very rough!](#)

- [Distill Hiatus](#) - recommended reading from the Distill organisers on their hiatus
- “No-reject journals”
- convene a squad?
- Luisa: maybe documenting anything tangible from hackathons in these ‘un-journals’ is a good idea.

Board meetings

I booked the last Tuesday of the month at 16.00 UTC for the rest of the year.

Remarks:

- AGM: need to schedule before end of April

Any other business

None.

Parking lot / next meeting

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

- We still need 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.
- June 2023: check that the Slack switch-off of channel announcements was the right move.
- Matt: February update on TRANSFORM
- Matt: February update on field camp, after chats at Equinor