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**Ronnie Simon:** welcome

FrankFromPdaSoft has joined this chat.

udog124 has joined this chat.

**udog124:** hi guys

**FrankFromPdaSoft:** Hi, folks

grantsplorp has joined this chat.

**grantsplorp:** hello folks.

**Ronnie Simon:** adam and paul are busy

**FrankFromPdaSoft:** Hi

**Ronnie Simon:** i thought it would be a good idea to have this before we all forget

kallisys has joined this chat.

**Ronnie Simon:** hi paul

**kallisys:** hello ronnie

**Ronnie Simon:** we have just started

**kallisys:** did you invite adam?

**Ronnie Simon:** yes he is busy

**kallisys:** hello everyone.

**kallisys:** ok/

**udog124:** hi

**FrankFromPdaSoft:** hi, paul

**Ronnie Simon:** the agenda includes closedown of wwnc 2006 and secondly to discuss the wwna high priority items

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**Ronnie Simon:** is there any other item ?

**FrankFromPdaSoft:** Not on my side

**kallisys:** i guess by high priority items you mean the reform I would like to lead.

**Ronnie Simon:** yes

**kallisys:** it's actually two-sided

**Ronnie Simon:** 😊

**kallisys:** there is the secretary problem

**kallisys:** and the reform problem

**Ronnie Simon:** i agree

**kallisys:** they should be treated separately.

**Ronnie Simon:** absolutely

**kallisys:** (on the contrary to what I sent on the list)

**kallisys:** and the reform can be divided in the address change and the general annual meetings reform

**Ronnie Simon:** if we agree the reform

**kallisys:** so this ends up 4 items 😊

**Ronnie Simon:** we can vote electronically on the secretary in an open manner

**kallisys:** let's talk about wwnc 2006 first.

**Ronnie Simon:** ok let's start with item 1

**Ronnie Simon:** 😊

**Ronnie Simon:** any comments anyone ?

**grantsplorp:** i enjoyed it immensely.

**kallisys:** 😊

**Ronnie Simon:** 😊

**udog124:** i missed it immensely, but am thrilled it was a success

**Ronnie Simon:** what were the learning points ...

**Ronnie Simon:** ??

**grantsplorp:** 1) we need to start planning and pushing media releases earlier.

**FrankFromPdaSoft:** SF is too far away 😊 First learning point...

**kallisys:** hehe.

**kallisys:** SF isn't that far.

**grantsplorp:** distance is relative.

**kallisys:** <-- did fly.

**Ronnie Simon:** distance in airmiles ?

**kallisys:** I agree with Grant.

**grantsplorp:** paris was too far last time.

**grantsplorp:** for me.

**FrankFromPdaSoft:** It is, as far as flight prices are concerned 😊

**kallisys:** for the learning point #1.

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**kallisys:** we also decided not to plan a new conference immediatly.

**FrankFromPdaSoft:** Had this ever been an option??

**kallisys:** well, after Paris

**kallisys:** Adam said: gimme the time to get married

**kallisys:** then I'll organize one in SF.

**Ronnie Simon:** good memory

**kallisys:** and we were like: ok, let's talk about this at the board, since Victor also mentioned Toronto.

**kallisys:** this time, no one volunteered to organize the thing.

**kallisys:** of course, Frank, your name was dropped

**kallisys:** but we can't charge you with the organization without your agreement 😊

**Ronnie Simon:** we felt it depends on a significant event

**FrankFromPdaSoft:** Well, let's have the next conference in Germany, and I'll be all yours...

**Ronnie Simon:** but we need to ensure a robust timeline as well

**kallisys:** ok. let's discuss this after the next general meeting.

**FrankFromPdaSoft:** timeline? As in "how often?"

**kallisys:** or within the next general meeting.

**kallisys:** I don't think the board should choose for all the members.

**Ronnie Simon:** i agree

**kallisys:** not the place, I mean the frequency

**kallisys:** the place, the board can voice because the board members are the one who organize. 😊

jingsai has joined this chat.

**jingsai:** hello

**Ronnie Simon:** hello larry

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**Ronnie Simon:** we have agreed 4 items to discuss tonight

**jingsai:** I read Paul's items. I presume those are up first?

**Ronnie Simon:** we are discussing learning points from wwnc 2006

**jingsai:** k

**Ronnie Simon:** no that is 2nd

**Ronnie Simon:** any other learning points ?

**kallisys:** we need a PR after the event.

**kallisys:** or PRs rather

**Ronnie Simon:** go on ..

**kallisys:** journalists sometimes don't come because they hear about burglars at their place.

**kallisys:** e.g. Dennis Sellers

**kallisys:** he will publish something if we send him a PR.

**kallisys:** we didn't control the buzz after the conference.

**kallisys:** I feel that the name of the association didn't appear enough.

**kallisys:** that would be learning point #2.

**Ronnie Simon:** any other learning points ?

**FrankFromPdaSoft:** Remind members of paying their membership fee in time

**FrankFromPdaSoft:** so that we have more money to organize a conference

**kallisys:** Frank

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**kallisys:** I'd like this to be discussed during the general meeting when I'll present the financial state of the association.

**kallisys:** and we can fund another conference right now.

**Ronnie Simon:** we need to agree the timing of the next wwna general meeting

**kallisys:** this is item 4

**kallisys:** ronnie

**Ronnie Simon:** ok

**Ronnie Simon:** have we finished the learning points ?

**Ronnie Simon:** i can ask adam separately for his own comments

**Ronnie Simon:** the only other area relates to outstanding actions from the conference

**grantsplorp:** are we talking outstanding actions now?

**Ronnie Simon:** these are the dvds and missing payments (if any)

**grantsplorp:** 1) 2004 dvds

**Ronnie Simon:** yes

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**Ronnie Simon:** 2) 2006 equivalents

**grantsplorp:** the master is on schedule to leave my hands prior to the middle of february

**grantsplorp:** 2) 2006 content

**Ronnie Simon:** 3) ?

**grantsplorp:** i chatted with adam earlier this week...

**Ronnie Simon:** Paul ?

**grantsplorp:** he is tryign to find time to pull the content off his dv cam so we can start podcast-i-fying the presentations.

**Ronnie Simon:** good

**grantsplorp:** 3) wwna site update

**Ronnie Simon:** 4) ?

**grantsplorp:** ronnie, i need your final presentation

**kallisys:** 🤔

**grantsplorp:** 3) follow up pr?

**grantsplorp:** oops that should be 4).

**kallisys:** folks, what are you discussing about?

**kallisys:** still point 1: learning points from the 2006 conference?

**Ronnie Simon:** the outstanding actions from wwna 2006

**kallisys:** ok.

**Ronnie Simon:** 4) is my windows presentation

**Ronnie Simon:** 5) follow up PR

**Ronnie Simon:** who will do this ?

**Ronnie Simon:** ??

**udog124:** what would you like me to do?

**Ronnie Simon:** i don't know

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**udog124:** by the way, what was the attendance at the conference?

**Ronnie Simon:** 25 attendees ?

**grantsplorp:** david, i would like to help prepare a followup press release.

**grantsplorp:** i can compile the events, news, etc, which transpired during the two days.

**udog124:** great, thanks grant

**grantsplorp:** based on my experience and adam's postings.

**grantsplorp:** we will send this out to the same list.

**udog124:** ok, i will work with grant to get the post-pr out

**grantsplorp:** and post it, along with the previous releases to both the wwna and wwna sites.

**Ronnie Simon:** great

**Ronnie Simon:** 6) ?

**Ronnie Simon:** if any

**grantsplorp:** folks.... i need to do a quick reboot - there's a gremlin in the machine here...

**grantsplorp:** brb.

grantsplorp has left this chat.

**Ronnie Simon:** ok i can reinvite you

**kallisys:** 27 attendees. FYI.

**Ronnie Simon:** thanks

**Ronnie Simon:** shall we on to item 2 ?

**kallisys:** ok.

**FrankFromPdaSoft:** ok

**jingtsai:** this may have already been covered, but from Paul's earlier comment, I take it we had enough paying attendees to cover all expenses and then some?

**kallisys:** no, larry

**kallisys:** the registration fees didn't cover the whole expenses

**kallisys:** by a third, approximatively.

**kallisys:** but the association had some money

**kallisys:** ok. item 2:

**kallisys:** board and secretary vacancy.

**kallisys:** we don't have a secretary

**kallisys:** we are supposed to get one.

**kallisys:** we don't have 12 members

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**kallisys:** we are supposed to have 12 members

**jingtsai:** how many do we have?

**kallisys:** 11

**kallisys:** unless you consider Robert resigned.

**Ronnie Simon:** 10

**kallisys:** let me remind you what the secretary does.

**kallisys:** the secretary convokes people for general annual meetings

**kallisys:** he or she handles all the administrative stuff.

**kallisys:** otherwise, he's just one of the board members.

**kallisys:** since I will suggest (that's point 3) to move the association to Sylvain Pilet's place (the only French Newton user who agreed),

**kallisys:** I suggest that we coopt him at the board and at the secretary position until the next general annual meeting.

**Ronnie Simon:** so if we apply the reform and use it to find a secretary is that the best way forward ?

**kallisys:** that's what our rules say. the coopted members are board members until the next general meeting.

**kallisys:** no.

**kallisys:** I changed my mind.

**kallisys:** there's no need for a referendum for the secretary

**kallisys:** the referendum is for urgent points

grantsplorp has joined this chat.

**kallisys:** getting a secretary is urgent

**grantsplorp:** ok, i'm back.

**kallisys:** but it's our job

**kallisys:** not the job of all members

**kallisys:** so we don't need a referendum for this.

**kallisys:** So I'd like to submit to your vote:

**kallisys:** Sylvain comes in at the board

**kallisys:** and

**kallisys:** Sylvain comes in as the secretary

**kallisys:** please note that it's not mandatory to have the association at his place

**jingtsai:** seconded

**kallisys:** the association can be at any member's place.

**Ronnie Simon:** seconded

**kallisys:** also

**FrankFromPdaSoft:** seconded

**udog124:** yea

**kallisys:** please note that the secretary will have a lot of work next month if the reform succeeds.

**kallisys:** ok.

**jingtsai:** yea

**Ronnie Simon:** carried

**kallisys:** shall we invite him now then?

**Ronnie Simon:** yes

**jingtsai:** yes

**kallisys:** ok. his ID passionnewton

**jingtsai:** 😊

**udog124:** i like him already

**kallisys:** yeah, he's a passionate user

**kallisys:** <http://www.pilet.com/>

**kallisys:** leader of the Paris NUG.

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**udog124:** link?

**kallisys:** umm

**kallisys:** sorry

**jingtsai:** (yeah, that pilet.com link doesn't take you to a personal web page)

**kallisys:** [www.pilet.net](http://www.pilet.net)

passionnewton has joined this chat.

**kallisys:** ok. Item #3?

**PassionNewton:** hello guys !

**grantsplorp:** hello.

**jingtsai:** do we need to vote on moving the association?

**jingtsai:** hello

**kallisys:** that's point #3 😊

**kallisys:** sorry larry

**Ronnie Simon:** hello sylvain

**kallisys:** point #3: the move

**kallisys:** point #4: the reform

**FrankFromPdaSoft:** Hi sylvain

**jingtsai:** then, yep, on to #3

**Ronnie Simon:** seconded

**jingtsai:** welcome to the board, Sylvain

**kallisys:** ok. point #3 is to move the association at Sylvain's place.

**jingtsai:** seconded

**kallisys:** Rationale: it's at my old address I left in April 2005

**FrankFromPdaSoft:** seconded. Makes much sense

**kallisys:** and the mail forwarding service will end.

**kallisys:** and the bank might notice and seize our money.

**udog124:** seconded

**udog124:** seconded

**kallisys:** the current rules say we do agree on the change and the general meeting will confirm it.

**kallisys:** grant?

**jingtsai:** yea

**Ronnie Simon:** carried

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**grantsplorp:** oops, sorry... yes.

**grantsplorp:** 😊

**kallisys:** ok.

**kallisys:** thanks

**kallisys:** point #4 then?

**Ronnie Simon:** yes

**kallisys:** point #4 is the reform.

**kallisys:** rationale #1: it's too complex to change our rules

**kallisys:** rationale #2: we don't meet every year

**kallisys:** rationale #3: let's take advantage of it to do some cleaning

**Ronnie Simon:** seconded

**kallisys:** What I suggest is that we use a referendum to actually change the way general meetings happen

**kallisys:** my suggestion is:

**kallisys:** e-mail for a week.

**kallisys:** like:

**kallisys:** the secretary sends an e-mail two weeks before the general meeting

**kallisys:** to all 100 members

**kallisys:** the 100 members are invited to reply to join the meeting

**kallisys:** from day 1 to day 7, the discussion is open on a mailing list.

**kallisys:** then the mailing list is closed.

**kallisys:** then the president writes a report

**kallisys:** all e-mail.

**kallisys:** for legal reasons, we need to prove that the members took part.

**kallisys:** we shall do this with PGP signing.

**kallisys:** and the president needs to PGP sign the report.

**jingtsai:** that's the only problem

**jingtsai:** (PGP)

**kallisys:** GPG

**kallisys:** will be fine

**kallisys:** 😊

**jingtsai:** many people will not be set up for this

**kallisys:** yeah

**jingtsai:** (most)

**kallisys:** that's why the secretary will have a lot of work.

**kallisys:** we might hire an assistant secretary

**kallisys:** if the reform doesn't take place

**jingtsai:** Perhaps we can use another method of authenticating the email addresses and smtp IP addresses

**kallisys:** we already faulted.

**FrankFromPdaSoft:** Can't people simply send a fax??

**kallisys:** because we need to meet physically every year

**kallisys:** and we didn't do it in 2005

**kallisys:** ok

**kallisys:** let me explain the legal thing

**kallisys:** the legal thing is that no association that meets online (some do) were judged in court

**kallisys:** associations are structures framed in 1901

**kallisys:** remember.

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**kallisys:** so we need to be protected from the tax administration

**kallisys:** and other stuff

**jingtsai:** what do you mean, "no association that meets online were judged in court"?

**kallisys:** I mean

**PassionNewton:** just a question : do you know members' average knowledge/level in computer science?

**jingtsai:** highly variable

**kallisys:** no judge had to sentence something about general meetings that were held on the Internet.

**kallisys:** they only had cases of general meetings held physically

**jingtsai:** so you're saying there is no precedent

**kallisys:** so the question was never asked to the court.

**kallisys:** in court

**kallisys:** there are precedent

**kallisys:** but none in court.

**kallisys:** the second thing is that the french tax administration uses public key cryptography itself for authentication online

**kallisys:** so if we do

**Ronnie Simon:** ok, we need to find a workable equivalent to pgp and try the approach next time

**kallisys:** we're safe.

**jingtsai:** fine, but we cannot expect all 100 members to gather in a single location every year

**kallisys:** that's it.

**kallisys:** so we need to do it online

**Ronnie Simon:** that's it

**kallisys:** and submit this to them as a referendum reform.

**Ronnie Simon:** seconded

**jingtsai:** i still do not think PGP (or GPG) is the (only) solution

**kallisys:** I agree Larry

**Ronnie Simon:** i agree

**kallisys:** we can do no signing for now

**jingtsai:** okay

**kallisys:** and discuss it with members on the next meeting.

**jingtsai:** that works fine, then

**Ronnie Simon:** i agree

**kallisys:** just an e-mail based challenge could do if you prefer.

**kallisys:** anyway, we won't go to court 😊

**jingtsai:** good smtp servers provide authentication (it's an anti-spam thing)

**Ronnie Simon:** good

**kallisys:** but ronnie, you'll have to sign the report

**kallisys:** i'm serious about this.

**kallisys:** just like you signed the book in 2004.

**Ronnie Simon:** i can do that with my military pgp 😊

**jingtsai:** 😊

**kallisys:** ok.

**jingtsai:** lock and load!

**kallisys:** so if you agree, we shall present the reformed rules I sent to you

**kallisys:** with some more details on the general meeting such as the e-mail 1 week window.

**Ronnie Simon:** lock and eliminate

**jingtsai:** 😊

**jingtsai:** sounds good, Paul

**kallisys:** and submit this as a referendum.

**Ronnie Simon:** i agree

**jingtsai:** seconded, and I vote yea

**Ronnie Simon:** great

**kallisys:** ok. anyone else?

**Ronnie Simon:** yea

**kallisys:** grant, sylvain, frank, david?

**kallisys:** if you read the new rules, it says: electronic vote on february 27th

**FrankFromPdaSoft:** OK

**grantsplorp:** seconded.

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**udog124:** seconded

**kallisys:** we can say: the meeting takes place every year between february 20th and february 27th.

**kallisys:** with a big PR on the 27th.

**kallisys:** 😊

**kallisys:** One day, I'll like PRs on the 27th.

**Ronnie Simon:** that's a monday



**PassionNewton:** ok on Feb 27th

**kallisys:** in 2006, Ronnie.

**jingtsai:** How about Feb. 29? 🤔

**Ronnie Simon:** ??

**jingtsai:** (only happens once every four years)

**Ronnie Simon:** i see

**jingtsai:** (sorry, just being silly)

**Ronnie Simon:** so have we covered all the items now ?

**kallisys:** do you agree for the 2/21-2/27 window?

**kallisys:** this gives two weeks of work to the secretary.

**Ronnie Simon:** that's fine

**kallisys:** ronnie, you will have to write a state of the association for the 21st.

**kallisys:** maybe, as board members, we can meet the week before

**Ronnie Simon:** that's fine

**PassionNewton:** just a question (again) : do we have to receive a minimum number/a quota of answers?

**kallisys:** for the referendum?

**kallisys:** no.

**PassionNewton:** ok

**PassionNewton:** thks

**kallisys:** it's point 15 of the rules.

**kallisys:** do you want to set the next board meeting date now, as we have 1 minute left?

**kallisys:** I'll be in GMT+0900

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**Ronnie Simon:** it would have to be the 15th feb

**Ronnie Simon:** same time

**kallisys:** can we start at 21 GMT?

**kallisys:** I can't same time

**kallisys:** it's 5 in the morning.

**Ronnie Simon:** that works for me

**kallisys:** everyone, is one hour later fine for you?

**FrankFromPdaSoft:** sure

**grantsplorp:** yes.

**PassionNewton:** ok between 21-23 so Paul can sleep 😊

**kallisys:** no, Sylvain

**kallisys:** it's just 1 hour

**kallisys:** 22-23 Paris time

**udog124:** yup

**kallisys:** 21-22 London Time

**kallisys:** and 6-7 Tokyo time

**PassionNewton:** ok

**Ronnie Simon:** have we covered everything ?

**kallisys:** ronnie, i'll talk to you privately about the administrativia for the address change.

**kallisys:** unless you want to bore the people here.

**kallisys:** 😊

**Ronnie Simon:** i wanted to say thanks for organising the wwnc 2006 to everyone

**Ronnie Simon:** the logs will make it easier the next time

**Ronnie Simon:** no we can talk later paul

**Ronnie Simon:** i shall ring you

**udog124:** <virtual glass clink>

**Ronnie Simon:** lol

**kallisys:** like now?

**kallisys:** I leave on Tuesday.

**udog124:** next one in washington dc! 😊

**PassionNewton:** will an other wwnc take place in 2006?

**kallisys:** ok, thanks folks.

**Ronnie Simon:** paul what is the best phone number to use ?

**Ronnie Simon:** now

**kallisys:** +33.612763388

**Ronnie Simon:** thx

**kallisys:** until tuesday

**Ronnie Simon:** and thanks everyone

**kallisys:** 😊

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**Ronnie Simon:** keep up the good work on the actions 😊

**PassionNewton:** thanks guys and have a nice day/evening/night

**FrankFromPdaSoft:** bye, all

**Ronnie Simon:** goodbye

**Ronnie Simon:** goodbye

**udog124:** cheers all

**PassionNewton:** goodbye

udog124 has left this chat.

FrankFromPdaSoft has left this chat.

**jingsai:** bye

**grantsplorp:** toodles.

grantsplorp has left this chat.

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adamtow95 went offline before accepting your invitation.

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jingsai has left this chat.

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kallisys has left this chat.

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**PassionNewton:** bye ronnie 😊

PassionNewton has left this chat.