Election Update - Join the Thunderbird Council – Help Shape the Future of Email and More!

Hello Community members,
As we are nearing the end of the year, we're reaching out with an update about the Thunderbird Council elections. To ensure maximum participation and considering the busy holiday season, we have opted to schedule the elections for January. We believe this guarantees everyone can participate without the added stress of the holiday season. If you're ready to make a contribution to the world of Thunderbird, we warmly invite you to volunteer for the upcoming elections. Happy holidays, and we keenly anticipate your active involvement in shaping the future of Thunderbird.

Election Timeline:
- **January 8th**: We will officially announce the electoral and open up the period for self-nominations. This will remain open for one week, inviting all eligible candidates to put forward their names for consideration.
- **January 15th**: Following the close of nominations, we will enter a discussion period. This week will be dedicated to community engagement, allowing members to deliberate on the nominees' contributions and visions for the future.
- **January 22nd**: The voting process will commence, with each member having one week to cast their vote.
- **January 29th**: Upon the conclusion of the voting period, we will announce the new Council.

Why join the Thunderbird Council?:
- Be Part of a Global Impact: Thunderbird is more than an email client; it's a statement about the power of open-source and community-driven software.
- Contribute to Success: Your ideas and efforts can directly contribute to the ongoing development and success of Thunderbird.
- Diverse Team Collaboration: Work with a dynamic team of 7 members from varied backgrounds – a vibrant tapestry of diverse perspectives and cultures

We need You if you are:
- 💻 Tech-Savvy and Passionate about Thunderbird: You are excited about open-source and support Thunderbird, whether you're a coder, a strategist, or a supporter.
- 🗣️ Effective Communicator: You possess good communication skills – essential for articulating ideas and strategies in our global, diverse team.

- 👥 Great with People: You are good in building relationships and working harmoniously with different personalities and skills.
- 🌟 Initiative Taker: Proactive by nature, you're someone who leads and makes things happen, regardless of your area of expertise.
- 🤝 Collaborative Contributor: You know that success comes from working together, valuing contributions from coding to community building.
- 💡 Strategic Thinkers and Innovators: You bring fresh perspectives and strategic insight, driving the project forward with innovative ideas and actionable plans.
- ⏰ Committed: Ready to dedicate the time to actively contribute
- 🌱 Eager Learner and Growth-Minded: You have a willingness to acquire new skills, grow personally and professionally, and are ready to contribute to our collective success.

Don't worry if you don't tick all the boxes now, we warmly encourage you to take the step and become a part of the Council.

Term & Commitment:
- The term is one year, with bi-weekly meetings.
- A commitment to actively participate and contribute is key.

We believe everyone has something unique to offer, and we'd love to have you on board. If you're ready to be a part of this exciting journey, please self-nominate. Let's work together to keep Thunderbird soaring high!

Even if you're undecided about running, we encourage you to reach out to discuss how you can contribute. The councilors will be at FOSDEM, and we are excited about the opportunity to meet and connect in person with those who will be present.

As Brian Behlendorf, a distinguished member of the MZLA Board, aptly paraphrased during one of our discussions, 'Ask not what Thunderbird can do for you – ask what you can do for Thunderbird.' This echoes the sentiment that our contributions to Thunderbird are what truly drive the project forward.

Thank you for considering this opportunity to contribute to one of the most significant FLOSS projects.

With appreciation for your contributions, we eagerly anticipate your self-nominations.

Thunderbird Council