

# OpenSourceMatters

## Open Source Matters, Inc. Semi-Annual Members Meeting

Date: June 29, 2023

Time: 17:00 UTC

Total time of meeting: 1 hour and 15 minutes

### Attendees:

**Board Representatives:** Crystal Dionysopoulos (President), Nicola Galgano (Vice President), Luca Marzo (Secretary), Nadja Lamisch (Treasurer), Philip Walton (Director), Harald Leithner (Director).

**Members:** Robert Deutz, Martin Kopp, Richard Fath, Alison Meeks, Laura Gordon, Sigrid Gramlinger, Christiane Maier-Stadtherr, Anja de Crom, Tom van der Laan, Olivier Buisard, Jennifer Gress, Benjamin Trenkle, Shirielle Williams, Beat, Davide Messia.

### Discussion outline

- Luca introduced the meeting, sharing the instructions to maximize interaction among attendees.
- Crystal invited all Board Members to present themselves to the audience.
- The Board will provide written responses to all the questions collected during the previous sessions.
- This year Joomla is going to turn 18.

### Where Joomla is now

- Nadja worked hard to find a bank replacement, so that traveling to New York would not be required anymore when onboarding a new treasurer or president.
- Nadja also shared the updates about the reimbursement process for volunteers who sustained expenses for Project's activities and initiatives. With the new payment vendor, we can ensure that volunteers get reimbursed the full amount in their currency, without any fee charged to them.
- Nadja reported that the Budget for Fiscal Year 2023/24 has been approved, using a "keep the lights on" approach to reduce the expenses.
- Crystal reported about the need for new global sponsorships to sustain the project in the long run.
- Crystal reported that the Joomla market share curve is not going down anymore, but we need to trigger the growth. Some ideas on how to do that have been shared into an article in the June edition of the Community Magazine.

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## Where Joomla is going

- Harald reported that Joomla 5 development is progressing. The Authentication framework and TinyMCE have been updated. As development continues, the codebase is being cleaned up and modernized, in order to attract new and younger developers.
- Joomla 5 is going to include the Cookie Consent Manager, derived from a Google Summer of Code, started several years ago.
- Joomla 5 is going to provide easy updates from Joomla 4.
- Philip thanked Harald, Benjamin and the Production Department for the huge work carried out on Joomla 5.
- Philip shared the progress and methodology used for the new template for Joomla.org websites, with Joomla 5 coming in the near future. Designs that have participated at the competition have been published in a dedicated article in the Joomla Community Magazine.
- Philip reported that teams in the Outreach Department need more volunteers to carry out the marketing and social media activities to increase exposure of Joomla and engagement.
- Crystal reported that there are some activities to create a connection between Open Source projects and communities. An initiative involving leadership of WordPress Foundation, Typo3 Association and Drupal Association is being carried out in relation to the EU regulation proposal (Cyber Resiliency Act) which might negatively impact Open Source projects. An open letter is being drafted to be sent to the European Commission, as well as a joint webinar is being prepared for CMS communities, in order to create awareness about potential impacts of the regulation on open source communities and individual developers. Talks started also with the Apache Foundation who has been facilitating the creation of a communication line between other CMS communities.
- The Board of OSM is about to appoint a new Advisory Board. Several applications have been received in response to the call for nominations.
- Crystal invited members to contribute with consistency, as well as to establish clear communication with other members and leadership.
- Crystal announced that a Sustainability Team is being formed to improve processes and ensure sustainability for the project in the long run from both the financial and people sides.

## Questions and Answers

- Robert requested the status of the legal cases. As of now, there are no more outstanding legal cases.
- Proposed date for the next Semi-Annual Members Meeting is December 14, 2023.
- Some members did not receive the notification email regarding the meeting. Luca will run a test of the email notification feature to ensure a proper delivery rate for the future.

Crystal thanked all the participants, inviting them to provide feedback and suggestions on how to improve the Semi-Annual Members meetings.

*The meeting has been adjourned at 18:15 UTC.*