Google Web Toolkit Steering Committee Meeting #1

Meeting Purpose

The purpose of the first meeting is to get agreement on group charter and process that will enable subsequent meetings to take place and proceed smoothly.

Agenda

- Decision making process
- Committee Purpose / Charter
- Committee Member Responsibilities and Duties
- Committee Member Rights
- Confirmation of Membership
- Chairmanship
- Venue
- Meeting Minutes
- Contributor License Agreements
- Repository
- Next Meetings

Decision Making Process

There are two options for how we make decisions as a Steering Committee: Majority rules and Consensus. Google proposes Consensus decision making because it ensures everyone is treated with respect and has a voice in decision making. In cases where a member is being voted off the committee, consensus is defined as every member other than the person being removed.

Committee Purpose and Charter

The Steering Committee's job is the make major decisions for GWT that ensure it adheres to GWT's fundamental mission of making web development better. Strawman proposal (https://developers.google.com/web-toolkit/makinggwtbetter#introduction)

Furthermore, the Steering Committee must act to keep GWT a viable open-source project accepting contributions from a diverse set of stakeholders without any one actor having

control over the project.

Committee Member Responsibilities and Duties

Members are expected to make a best effort attempt to attend Steering Committee meetings and regularly vote on specific actions under consideration. Members may appoint a proxy to attend and vote on their behalf by prior notice if they are unable to attend.

Although it is expected that members are using GWT for commercial purposes and have needs driven by customer demand, members should guide their decisions based on what is good for GWT and achieving the mission statement.

Committee Members are expected to render decisions on nominations for the committee, committer access, changes to the charter, future roadmaps, infrastructure such as project hosting, testing, and source repositories, as well as adjudicating conflicts among contributors.

Committee Member Rights

Committee Members have the following rights:
- The right to vote on steering committee actions
- The right to nominate new members or impeach old ones
- Guaranteed committer access

Confirmation of Membership

Please confirm your membership. If you are an organization, people confirm the person who is the point of contact. If you would like to withdrawl, now is the time.

Chairmanship

Google proposes a rotating chairmanship. The chair has the duty and power to decide the optimal time, venue, and agenda for meetings. Based on a specific period, each member of the committee will have a chance to be the chair, and thus can set the agenda for the meeting. It is proposed that Google holds the first chair.

Venue

A new mailing list, google-web-toolkit-steering@googlegroups.com is to be created to hold offline discussions between real-time committee meetings. Currently, our real time chats are

handled by BT conference bridges. Google would like to float a strawman of using G+ Hangouts.

Meeting Minutes

Members are required to keep their own meeting minutes in a collaboratively edited document used for each meeting. The chair of the meeting will edit or curate the meeting minutes after the meeting before publishing to the public.

Contributor License Agreements

The current GWT Individual and Corporate CLAs are based on assigning rights to Google. This should change with the new decentralized GWT project organization, but will probably take some time for legal departments to sort out necessary agreement structure. Google proposes to keep the current CLAs for a limited time.

Repository

Google proposes switching from SVN to GIT.

Next Meeting

Since we still have things to sort out before Google I/O, a follow up meeting is proposed for next Monday.