



QGIS PSC Meeting 6th July 2021

Present

- Marco
- Jürgen,
- Andreas
- Paolo
- Anita

Excused:

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Chair: Marco

Secretary: Anita

Video / Audio Channel

<https://meet.jit.si/QGIS-PSC>

Previous meeting minutes

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1WP76f7x5Vw0NVNRUxVcR-gZFaCH8Z8X41DvQ5tpXTAk/edit?usp=sharing>

Next meetings

See calendar

17:00 -18:30

Tickets

<https://github.com/qgis/PSC/issues/>

Past resolutions in

https://github.com/qgis/QGIS-Website/blob/master/source/site/getinvolved/governance/resolutions/2020_resolutions.rst

Agenda

Marco: Website licensing

Python Cookbook doesn't have a clear license

https://docs.qgis.org/3.16/en/docs/pyqgis_developer_cookbook/

User guide and **A Gentle Introduction to GIS** use GNU Free Documentation License

https://docs.qgis.org/3.16/en/docs/gentle_gis_introduction/gnu_free_documentation_license.html

https://docs.qgis.org/3.16/en/docs/user_manual/appendices/GNU_FDL.html

Current version: <https://www.gnu.org/licenses/fdl-1.3.en.html>

“If your document contains non-trivial examples of program code, we recommend releasing these examples in parallel under your choice of free software license, such as the GNU General Public License, to permit their use in free software.”

→ cookbook is “trivial code”

TODO Marco: Announce the license and offer opt-out if any doc author is against it

Andreas: Financial report 2020

Finished, all open issues resolved

Auditors will perform the reviews by mid July

AGM should happen after summer break in September

Tax declaration has to be done by end of September (only requires audit)

TODO Andreas: publish audit on website when ready

Marco: Certification of Maparaucanía

Marco: let Hans know that we agree with his recommendation to accept their application

Marco: OnQ trademark request

Marco: let them know that we don't have an issue with them using the name “OnQ”

Andreas noted another potential issue they could be facing <https://onq.com.au/>

Marco: Is it appropriate to do SEO using “QGIS app” or is it a potential trademark infringement?

- Both QField and Input should refrain from doing this since none is the official app

TODO Marco: ask them to put Input in the name of the advertisement

Ad · https://www.inputapp.io/free_download ▼

Qgis app - Free on iOS and Android

Simple to use. Capture field data intuitively. No training needed. One-press data sync. Capture data in the field. Customizable forms. Attach photos. Export to various formats.

[Key features](#) · [How To](#) · [Free Download](#)

Marco: Nominatim

No answer lately. They would probably tell us if there is an issue or we'd be hitting the rate limit.

<https://nominatim.qgis.org/search>

→ Nothing to do

Marco: New address

TODO Andreas: update trade registry

Via Geinas 2

7031 Laax

Marco: Github sponsoring form (taxes)

TODO Marco & Andreas after the address is update in the trade registry

Marco: QGIS.ORG non-profit status to get software and services for cheap

<https://www.stifter-helfen.ch/de/> (<https://www.techsoup.org/>)

Swiss user group already applied to e.g. get access to google meet recording functionality

https://www.stifter-helfen.ch/de/fragen/faqs/google_for_nonprofits

TODO Marco: apply

Here is a link of the software partners of "Stifter Helfen":

<https://www.stifter-helfen.ch/de/ueber-uns/unternehmen-werden-it-partner>

We just need to be aware about vendor "lock-in".

Marco: next release names

Poland and Havard on track

TODO Anita: get in touch with orienteering group / Harvard's wife for map

Marco: GSoC

OSGeo suggested to forward tutor's money from Google to the projects

TODO Marco: ask OSGeo if they can transfer the funds to tutors directly

Anita: [QGIS Desktop Application Network Connections](#)

Some limited feedback received from developers

→ Will need to check in with Alessandro

Andreas: Approaching larger sponsors who support FOSS4G

TODO Marco: try to identify promising contacts and reach out to them as chair

Old agenda

Marco: QGIS stand-alone installer for without non-free licenses

Currently the stand-alone installer includes Mrid + Erdas + Oracle licenses

→ Immediate solution: Use advanced installer “qgis” instead of “qgis-full”

Should the default stand-alone installer be changed to a “no non-free” option to remove the need for these licenses? - Could cause quite a lot of complaints

Should we create another “free only” stand-alone installer? - Possible but yet another installer.

Or can we have a switch in the stand-alone installer? - Not without extra work.

TODO Marco: Explain on the download page that the stand-alone installer contains non-free software

Andreas: AGM

In progress: [QGIS AGM invitation 2021](#) (waiting for approval by the financial auditors)

Marco: AGM Preparations

Requires annual report and financial report and financial auditing report & asking for input re “matters arising” from members

Planned date: September 2021

TODO Marco: ask for matters arising

TODO Marco: check if revised voting procedure needs to be voted on by AGM

Anita: Privacy

1. QGIS application: [QGIS Desktop Application Network Connections](#)

a. TODO Marco: ask the core developers to please proof-read

b. TODO Anita: publish on the website in the “for users” section

<https://qgis.org/en/site/forusers/index.html>

2. Answering outstanding email requests:

a. TODO Anita: answer the two outstanding requests

3. Websites (qgis.org, plugins, projecta): Tim scheduled Dimas’ time to work on this (email thread “cookie banners on qgis.org”)

a. Stripe, (Cloudflare), Flickr et al. cookie info/handling

b. They tested to set up donations.qgis.org on github pages but encountered issues
→ may have to set up on qgis2

c. GDPR concerning certification data, sustaining membership data, plugins et al.
→ follow up with Projecta team

Andreas: QGIS Enhancement: Turning Plugin Management into Actual Package Management

Sebastian E. Ernst wants to move on with this currently stalled proposal. He wants to revive the discussion and decide on how to move forward

See [Turning Plugin Management into Actual Package Management · Issue #179 · qgis/QGIS-Enhancement-Proposals](#)

Main reason: technical challenges, as discussed also in this year's grant proposal [PIP dependencies for Python plugins · Issue #202 · qgis/QGIS-Enhancement-Proposals](#)

Gatekeepers, Community roles draft

TODO Marco: still ongoing at [here](#)

Call for reviewers

- Suggestion from Martin D.
<https://lists.osgeo.org/pipermail/qgis-developer/2021-May/063568.html>
- Alessandro suggests that we need a clearer process for handling backports
- General agreement to increase the available budget (current budget: €10k)

→ Fundraising!?

- **TODO Marco:** follow-up on Google 10 most important C++ projects
- **TODO Anita:** Add note to 2022 call for grant proposal to factor in reviewing costs
- **TODO Anita:** Next year, communicate to proposal authors that they have to write the summaries

Contact information on our website

TODO Andreas: add certification@qgis.org, board@qgis.org and security@qgis.org to the website

Andreas: 2y LTR (QEP)

Open question #1: will we have overlapping LTRs, i.e. one LTR per year? Or only one LTR every second year? → No overlaps are preferred since it's less work for the project and less confusing for the users (i.e. there are not two LTRs at the same time)

Open question #2: do we need to manage "stable libraries"? → Let's try without.

Tim: "Young staff." Tim suggests reserving 20-30k € (annual salary) for a person in a less-developed country that could work on bugfixing, maintenance, documentation, ... Could be proxied/employed f.e. through Kartoza.

- Alessandro suggests picking only people who are already contributing on a voluntary basis to the project and are not motivated by money only - at least for development and bug-fixing work. For infrastructure work it is different - it is the boring work that people don't tend to do on a voluntary basis.
- Marco suggests focusing paid staff on working on project-related tasks that are not directly related to QGIS Desktop/Server.

- Anita suggests identifying tasks that could be done by such a paid staff and then discussing this suggestion with the community → **TODO Tim** to create a shortlist and post it to PSC list
- TODO: follow-up vision meeting → [Goals of QGIS](#)

Tim: Blacklisting plugins that crash QGIS

TODO Tim: draft the process and discuss it with dev list / QEP

Voting platform

- Old discussion never concluded
- We have an non centralised solution that is hard to track:
 - Google forms for community votes are hard to follow and take time to create
 - ML discussion on votes is nearly nonexistent
- Resolutions copying to website is neglected (last copy in June by Anita)
- Marco: re-suggest centralising all voting to a single **loomio** instance

Conclusion: create PDFs of the Google Docs to put on the wiki (if possible) or the website → Tim will ask someone from Kartoza