

QGIS PSC Meeting December 2015

Present:

- Tim Sutton
- Anita
- Paolo
- Jürgen
- Andreas

Video / Audio Channel

https://talkgadget.google.com

Previous meeting minutes:

https://drive.google.com/open?id=1NxarMWTtYDkdkbFd8LxMY5YVWRUzjyeuV5V5c2Qm-dY

Agenda:

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1. Feedback from last meeting:
    a. **Anita:** to write to Astrid to confirm that we would like to hold the HF in Bonn: **confirmed 40-50 people from 21-23rd Aug ("basecamp" location") → Anita: ask about organization of snacks & set up wiki page done: Astrid will organize and organizers will pay for snacks & coffee, she suggests to set up a common wiki page at http://wiki.osgeo.org/wiki/FOSS4G_2016_Code_Sprint - we can add a pointer to their wiki from ours.**
    b. **Paolo:** to write to individual devs who might still want reimbursements **- Andreas reports 8 requests to ~4000 euros - all requested reimbursements done**
    c. **Andreas:**
        i. To move bank account to QGIS.org after signing **- in progress - needs one more signature from Paolo - Bank will be PostFinance**

ii. Create a business registry entry so that we get a registered business number **- in progress. More complex than expected. Andreas still working on it - will need to get authorized german translation. May need charter to include listing of all board members for the registration. Andreas will liaise further with Tim and Paolo.**

d. **Richard:** Create user accounts for all PSC members - for what I (Richard) know now we are not allowed to give out more than 10 email addresses with our free Google plan - **Richard: ask Andreas to contact Google for more** (remark Andreas: would like to wait until organization is established - would be easier!) **- in progress (waiting on board finalisation)**

e. **Tim:** Registration of QGIS user groups - http://goo.gl/forms/1UCzt6Otyn **done** **https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1Wte5pfcpOeZ1bfBUn7KJuYzw31_rtKyGqciBPW3RXwg/edit?usp=sharing (publicly viewable list)**

f. **Tim:** Proposed dates for QGIS User Conference in 2016 - TIM Update from Luis...see Appendix 2. PSC members please to submit any queries / comments ASAP. **Tim will write back to Luis with comments.**

g. **Jürgen:** Proposal for identifying improved way of identifying bugs to be fixed - waiting for access to paypal - which is waiting on the legal entity

2. Organization:
   a. Publishing our statutes on the Website **- Tim todo - Still todo**
   b. Website update about the new QGIS.ORG board (new chair, treasurer, etc.) - see http://www.qgis.org/en/site/getinvolved/governance/governance.html#project-steering-committee - **Ask Richard??**
   c. Sponsorships: always start with an invoice if a company wants to sponsor - easier to track - done - **Paolo and Andreas need to coordinate**
   d. Automating sponsorship listing on our webpage (http://www.qgis.org/en/site/about/sponsorship.html#list-of-current-sponsors): the manual method is too clumsy because of complicated markup and there is the risk of destroying the webpage - **Tim / Kartoza adding sponsors to projecta:**
      i. https://github.com/kartoza/projecta/issues/156
      ii. https://github.com/kartoza/projecta/issues/154
      iii. will be ready in a few weeks
   e. Publishing our company number on the Website and link to trade registry - Andreas **Local domains continue to be held by user groups.**
   f. Transfer the trademark to QGIS.ORG (after registration is finalised) - Paolo
   g. Transfer the dns to QGIS.ORG - Tim & richard
   h. Hetzner server, find out how to do that Richard
   i. **Cautionary note from Bernd Vogelsang:** "For a local club, it might be easy to mobilize enough people to join the assembly to fulfil the quorums. For an international organisation, this might be much harder (I just imagine how to deal with that with possible 193 representatives from all over the world)." We need to update the statutes to reflect how we will deal with voting Quora (sorry Andreas1) - **Tim to make a proposal and send it around for voting by Board on loomio. Andreas to bundle all statutes changes in one go.**
   j. Wage calculations for a 100% employee: https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1HoibIhKQ9uoqNySKyVh2A4gGx303tHYZQZNVc6sF3Zw/edit#gid=0&vpid=A1

3. Post report on blog.qgis.org to thank Marcus for his work (the student) **- Tim / Marcus Santos**

4. Python Documentation: Feedback from Karolina: See appendix 1
    a. Anita proposes do another call for people who would fit
    b. https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/12gKadkaBVkbIp38nSBPpRfM6218VUwnSZQ5AEU4jOQ4/edit#gid=1011123673&vpid=A2
    c. **Tim to make a fresh call to the mailing list for applications**
    d. Potential budget of 2.5k this year and 2.5k Euros next

5. Process for improving spatial vector analysis tools
    a. some think this work should be triggered and handled in community without PSC involvement
    b. others think it is a critical for the project
    c. those in favour of PSC spending time to organise raising funding:
    d. options:
        i. do nothing, ship fTools with its band aids
        ii. ask the community 'will someone replace fTools with something better?' and hope for the best
        iii. provide funding or co-funding to sponsor its replacement in a fair and transparent way that any capable developer can make a proposal for (including SourcePole)
        iv. directly fund SourcePole to integrate their code
    e. Possible to do co-funding up to 15k - we can ask the community for in-kind funding
    f. We need to write a funding proposal - Tim and Anita have started a doc - will share with others. Tim will work on it if the PSC agrees the
    g. **We agreed to sit on option (i) above (band aids for now) and rather first work on the specification 'what do we want to achieve' before implementing any actions.**
        i. Anita +1
        ii. Tim +1
        iii. Jürgen +1
        iv. Andreas +1

6. Project DXF/DWG Import
    a. Negotiation with OpenDesignAlliance (Jeff McKenna) about usage/distribution of Teigha (proprietary license) - only members have access to Teigha source and distribution - requesting
    b. Specification at https://docs.google.com/document/d/1NJv1Iwd5TnWdV-fTuW7g5ts1O8r3vb46xYeAIQ_BwGw/edit?usp=sharing
    c. Supports reading geometries, attributes, styles
    d. Offer from Norbit - institutional crowd funding - 8 weeks of work, 32 k €
    e. Improving the georeferencer to also handle vector geometry will be a separate project. Also get rid of the separate window of the georeferencer. Who can help with the specification?
    f. There are not any other obvious alternative options in terms of FOSS libraries

g. Membership in the alliance is 5000 Euros in year 1 and 3000 euros in subsequent years with unlimited distribution
h. Member organisation can redistribute - need to ascertain if this can be done at OSGEO level or QGIS level. Hence discussions with Jeff.
i. Ability to import CAD data is very important for public administrations who distribute plans etc in CAD formats.
j. **Andreas will follow up with Jeff and Juergen.**

7. Project QGIS Web Client QWC II **- Andreas**
    a. Requirements document at https://docs.google.com/document/d/1QHF7c3Z1yv-Y86fiAAb2I02fP6BysQXO5nd4y-qaR8A/edit?usp=sharing
    b. Design study at https://drive.google.com/file/d/0B0h3PAH5uoY6UG82Y19BdW9IR0U/view?usp=sharing
    c. Problem with bidding - can QGIS.ORG act as a proxy organization regarding the bidding process?
    d. Andreas proposal is that he would manage the proposal in his role as QGIS board member so no additional work load for PSC
    e. The work would be done openly and in a QGIS.ORG repo
    f. Invitation to community to be involved in specification
    g. Using QGIS.ORG as a proxy would be a convenience work around for bidding beaurocracy - funding is across different countries. Similar approach has been used by LibreOffice - Andreas can you find the details?
    h. QGIS.ORG would not deal with any financial aspects (which would be directly managed between developers and consortium of users)
    i. **Timeline:** Specification to be completed by year end, start bidding process by early next year.
    j. **Andreas to set up a loomio vote where this can be discussed openly.**

Appendix 1 : Message from Karolina

“I've been meaning to give you an update as soon as I was back in Zurich - it seems my plate is quite full these days and I don't see myself having time/energy to continue the documentation project to the end. You mentioned you have other people that are interested. Do you think it makes sense for me to first make the proposal and then pass it on to some of the other interested parties or pass on the existing brainstorming asap to somebody else? I don't mind doing the former, but perhaps it is easier on the person doing the work if they also designed it first. I would require no compensation from QGIS for the few hours I put in brainstorming and I'm sorry that I misjudged the time I would have.”

Appendix 2 : From Lluis Vicens re QGIS User Group Meeting

Dear all,
It's time to take one step forward because time is short and there are lots of things to do!

I would like to announce that within this week we will release and publish the website for the Spanish Foss4g and obviously, the information that coinciding with our tenth anniversary, we are also organizing an International QGIS Conference as well as a QGIS code/hack fest/sprint or whatever you like to name it.

The general overview of the week is:

Monday 23rd May: Arrival of Spanish FOSS4G attendants
Tuesday 24th May: Keynotes and Parallel sessions of the Spanish Foss4G
Wednesday 25th May: QGIS Int. Conf. Workshops // Spanish Foss4G Workshops
Thursday 26th May: Keynotes and regular program of the QGIS Int. Conference
Friday, Saturday, Sunday (27th to 29th May): QGIS Hack Fest

Now, let's put the focus on practical issues about logistics and organization. Let me break it into small and manageable pieces:

1. QGIS Conference + QGIS Hack Fest

We basically assume that QGIS conference derived costs are mainly covered by us, while the hack fest costs are covered by QGIS. Am I right? Following that assumption, we are in charge to cover the venue costs as well as catering costs for the whole week: QGIS Conf. + QGIS Workshops. All these mentioned costs, plus the derived costs from the Spanish foss4g should be covered through sponsorship and registration fees.

2. Sponsorships

We will actively look for sponsorship for the Spanish Foss4g as well as for the QGIS Conf. and we would like to know if you, from the QGIS project, can you help us in this task, contacting potential international sponsors?

3. Registration fees

We want to set a registration fee as low as possible for allowing anyone interested in the conference to come, but at the same time, that help us to cover all the expenses generated by the conference. We are considering the following fees:

a) Spanish FOSS4G = 100€
b) Spanish Foss4G + Workshops = 150€
c) QGIS Conf. + Workshops = 150€
d) Spanish Foss4G + QGIS Conference + Workshops = 200€

The registration fee will include the entrance to the conference + coffee breaks and lunch + informal dinner

4. Spanish Foss4G + QGIS Conf. Program

In the case of the Spanish Foss4G, we are in charge to configure the conference program (call for papers // call for workshops // keynotes // ...). How do you want to proceed in the case of the QGIS conf. program? Are you

considering to manage the program by your own? Do you have your own Conference Committee? Do you need our help for organizing the program? Should we cooperate in this point?

5. QGIS Hack Fest
5.1 - Rooms // Beds for developers (Thursday to Sunday)

Regarding to the accommodation, we can proceed in several ways:

a) We already booked and blocked 26 rooms/beds for you, at the monastery. Now, we can manage booking some rooms/beds at the hostel. In that case, we should know the exact number of rooms and beds that you will need from 25th (¿?) to 29th. The important thing is, that you already have 26 places at the monastery. Some of the bedrooms are double rooms, some other are single room. I hope that this is not a problem for you.

b) Besides of having these 26 beds at the monastery, we can let the other participants to freely choose where they want to stay in Girona (hostel, hotels, apartments, ...). In that case, you should decide who will make use of the monastery (26 places) and who should be accommodated in hostels/hotels/...

In the last case, we can offer you a list of different possibilities at different prices.

5.2 Food, dinner and lunch

There is the possibility to serve the lunch and the dinner on the monastery for 40/50 people. At the time that we approach the booking dates, you should define if you desire a full board or a half board booking, for those who will stay on the monastery. For those who will be accommodated in a different hotel, hostel, they should decide if they want to have the lunch and the dinner in the monastery, or to go outside.

There are probably plenty of questions and doubts to solve, but these are the main ones by now, at least from our perspective

Best regards,
Lluís

PS: Feel free to forward this message to the qgis-psc list. By the way, if you think that I should be subscribed to this list (to get a more fluent communication with the rest of the QGIS - PSC people), please, just let me know.