

Community Council Interview Report

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1. Introduction

Due to low voter registration, the Council decided to alter the election process by opting to interview the nominated candidates instead. Interviews were scheduled between July 21 and 25 at a time convenient for each candidate.

2. Interview format

Days before the interview, each candidate received the five questions below to help them prepare for the interview. Mr. Micheal Ampah Yeboa was the independent observer during all the interviews.

Questions:

1. Tell us a bit about your background in open science and open science hardware (approximately 3-5 sentences).
2. Can you describe your involvement in GOSH over the past two years? (approximately 2 sentences)
3. We'd love to know more about your experience, skills, and/or qualifications that allow for effectively serving and governing communities. For example, managing projects or programs. (approximately 2-3 sentences)
4. Please confirm that you are able and willing to participate in regularly scheduled council meetings at least twice a month
5. What questions can we answer for you about the role or the Council?

3. The candidates

The following four candidates accepted their nominations and progressed to the interview stage.

- Vianney Forewah
- Yan Kay Ho
- Dara Obademi
- María Castelló

4. Interview panel and independent observer

Karl Kaddu (Council Member)

Lara Jatar (Council Member)

Micheal Ampah Yeboa (Independent Observer)

5. Observations and recommendations

Candidate	Observation	Recommendation
Vianney Forewah	The candidate did attend the interviews as scheduled. The reason was not communicated	We shouldn't move forward with the candidate
Yan Kay Ho (UK)	The candidate has vast experience in managing communities and facilitating inter-community conversations. There was clear interest in joining the Council despite the many roles she holds.	The Candidate should be approved. Her experiences and talents would be of great value to building and growth.
Dara Obademi (Nigeria)	Dara is an electrical engineer based in Nigeria. Although his experience with open science hardware is limited, he expressed a willingness to learn.	The candidate should be approved as the African representative. He also brings unique talents necessary for community growth.
Maria Castelló (Uruguay)	Maria is a seasoned neuroscientist with experience in makerspaces and building synergies with like-minded institutions.	The candidate should be approved as the South America representative. She is familiar with GOSH, and the Council will benefit from her vast knowledge.

6. Next steps

Unless objections arise, the community coordinator should contact the three candidates and communicate the outcome of this process.