

Zope Foundation

Minutes of a Meeting of the Board of Directors

Date and Time:..... Friday, February 16, 2007, 13:00 UTC

Location:..... Skype conference call

Directors Present:..... Aroldo Souza-Leite, Chairman
Martijn Faassen
Jim Fulton
Rob Page

Directors Absent:..... None

Quorum Present:..... Yes

Aroldo called the meeting to order at 15h 09m CEST.

Aroldo reviewed the tentative agenda as follows:

- a) State of the Minutes
- b) State of the ZF website
- c) DZUG
- d) ByLaws
- e) PyCon 2007
- f) Miscellaneous

a) State of the Minutes

Aroldo suggested that there are to be two kinds of minutes: One is simply a record for the board to keep and the other one is to be published on the website. On request, members may have access to the board-only minutes. The other directors were not in favour of this idea and asked for only one kind of minutes to be written. The minutes since the meeting on January, 30th are to be sent to the directors and discussed in the BoD internal mailinglist until an agreement on the minutes is achieved. The board agreed with this procedure unanimously.

b) State of the ZF homepage

Martijn was grateful for the feedback he got both from Jan and Stefanie, but is unsure about how to deal with it. Rob thought that a more drastic approach is necessary and that steady progress is desired. Martijn was in favour of someone else being in charge of the maintaining of the homepage. The same applied for Jim who thought that it is not the board's task to take care of the homepage. He would like to get other people involved and get a Plone site up for other people to work on it. Martijn thought that people such as Jan and Stefanie should be able to work on the website autonomously. Aroldo agreed that the board should not be in charge of the homepage and that the look and feel about the website is not as important as the content. Everyone agreed. Martijn finally suggested to go into Amaze and to set up a Plone site so that other people can work on and maintain

the ZF website.

c) DZUG

Aroldo reminded the board of the invitation sent by the DZUG board. The DZUG board would like to meet with the ZF BoD in order to discuss how they might be able to support the ZF. Either Rob or Jim will go to the conference and meet with someone from DZUG. Martijn welcomed the idea of a cooperation with DZUG, since they might know about potential sponsors in Germany. Rob said that he is very much in favour of more corporate sponsorship and asked Aroldo to get in touch with the DZUG board. Martijn mentioned the need of pursuing potential sponsors to see what they expect of the ZF. Everyone agreed. The Board appointed Aroldo as the point of contact with DZUG.

Next, Aroldo told the board that he registered for the Linux Tag and that he will give a lecture on the history of Zope and the Zope Foundation. Aroldo mentioned the dates for the conferences: Linux Tag congress May 30th – June, 2nd 2007; DZUG conference June, 4th&5th 2007; possible days for meeting with DZUG board June, 3rd - 5th 2007 .

d) Bylaws

Aroldo mentioned that DZUG offered their support in changing the bylaws. Jim already got responses from two lawyers and the board agreed that he would contact them whereas Aroldo should contact the DZUG board. Martijn said that it is necessary to make the bylaws simpler for the Intellectual Property Transfer but that the change in itself is not simple. Rob pointed out that the Contributors' Agreement is insufficient.

e) PyCon 2007

Jim once again asked for support on what to say at the conference. He will create a wiki-page with points for people to comment on and will send a draft of what he will talk about to the Zope Panel. Martijn suggested that Jim should point out that the board is actually doing work even though it is still bad at publishing it and Rob suggested that the board is very focused, it tries to provide the infrastructure and is looking for help and participation.

f) Miscellaneous

f. 1) Jim pointed out the difficulty for Zope foundation members of meeting in person. This makes real-world general meetings difficult to organize. Martijn and Rob both agreed that, at this point, it will not be possible to maintain anything else but electronic voting.

f. 2) Martijn suggested that contact should be established between the ZF and the Plone Foundation.

f. 3) The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 13th, 2007, 13:00 UTC

Aroldo adjourned the meeting.

These minutes were written by Stefanie and reviewed by Aroldo based on his own meeting notes. They were posted to the BoD internal mailinglist for discussion. They were unanimously approved on Tuesday, May 29th, 2007.

Aroldo bid the ZF Secretary keep these minutes in the Zope Foundation files as is due.