

## Zope Foundation

### Minutes of a Meeting of the Board of Directors

**Date and Time:**..... Tuesday, May 29, 2007, 13:00 UTC

**Location:**.....Skype conference call

**Directors Present:**..... Aroldo Souza-Leite, Chairman  
Jim Fulton  
Jodok Batlogg  
Martijn Faassen  
Rob Page  
Tres Seaver

**Directors Absent:**..... None

**Quorum Present:**.....Yes

Aroldo called the meeting to order at 13h09m UTC.

Aroldo reviewed the agenda as follows:

- a) Welcoming new board members
- b) State of the minutes
- c) [www.zope.org](http://www.zope.org)
- d) Tentative agenda for the ZF/DZUG meeting in Potsdam
- e) Tentative agenda for the ZF BoD meeting in Potsdam
- f) [foundation.zope.org](http://foundation.zope.org) site
- g) Miscellaneous

a) Welcoming new board members

Aroldo welcomed the new BoD members Jodok Batlogg and Tres Seaver.

b) State of the minutes

Tres commented on the way the BoD deals with the minutes and thought this process to be too formal. He reported that other organizations simply put the minutes online after the meeting and they are voted upon at the following meeting. Rob and Jim were both in favour of this way of proceeding. Aroldo explained that in order to keep to the bylaws, the Board has to reach a consensus in taking decisions and also in approving the minutes. Decisions approved under a non-unanimous majority are legal only if the agenda for the meeting is sent six weeks prior to the respective meeting. Rob will provide the Directors with a document to waive this clause of the bylaws.

c) www.zope.org

Martijn reported that there is a web committee and there are many volunteers who discuss issues but not enough volunteers write content for the sites. As the BoD itself has a specific web-committee, Aroldo made a move to enlarge the committee by Jodok. All the Directors were in favour of this. At the same time, Aroldo, who was part of the respective committee, stepped down. The members of the web committee are now Martijn and Jodok.

d) Tentative agenda for the ZF/DZUG meeting in Potsdam

Aroldo suggested the following agenda for the ZF/DZUG meeting:

- d.1) ZF and DZUG sharing a paid person for the day-to-day work. Rob expressed the opinion that until the BoD know how much work there will actually be, there is no point in hiring anyone.
- d.2) Starting common ZF/DZUG projects, i.e. relaunching the Zope3C project. The BoD agreed that there should be an open discussion on this topic.
- d.3) Meeting German sponsors for ZF projects and co-operative ZF/DZUG projects.  
The BoD decided that Aroldo and Jodok will ask permission of DZUG to sit in on a meeting of DZUG and potential sponsors as listeners. It is Aroldo's task to ask C. Theune.

e) Tentative agenda for the ZF BoD meeting in Potsdam

The BoD meeting in Potsdam will take place before the ZF/DZUG meeting. All directors, except for Rob, will be able to attend in person. The tentative agenda so far:

- BoD elections and membership renewal (Jim)
- progress of the dialogue with Plone Foundation (Jodok)
- the Zope trademark (Jodok)
- migration path along the bylaws (Aroldo)

f) foundation.zope.org site

Martijn and Stefanie will be in charge of getting the minutes published. Tres and Jodok will receive a log on as Chief Editors in order to edit the site, too.

g) Miscellaneous

- g 1.) Jim proposed an annual renewal date to the BoD. The topic will be discussed at the BoD meeting in Potsdam.
- g 2.) Aroldo wrote a migration path along the bylaws. He was asked to make official proposals based on this path at the following meetings.
- g 3.) Jodok was appointed the person in charge of establishing contact with the Plone Foundation, since he is already involved with the Plone Foundation.
- g 4.) The BoD agreed that the ZF annual meeting has to be scheduled. A change in the bylaws allowing for electronic meetings is necessary and must be discussed in the next BoD meetings.
- g 5.) Rob contacted a lawyer with previously expressed interest in helping with the Zope Foundation. With specific and legal projects in mind, this person is interested in helping. Rob suggested that bylaws changes should be made and coordinated through the Software Freedom Law Center (as possible) as they worked on the original bylaws.
- g 6.) Tres has been put in charge of installing an issue tracker for the work of the BoD.
- g 7.) The next meeting will take place in Potsdam.

Aroldo adjourned the meeting.

These minutes were written by Stefanie according to the notes she took during the meeting. These minutes were posted to the [foundation-board@zope.org](mailto:foundation-board@zope.org) mailing list and approved by all directors on Tuesday, June 12<sup>th</sup>, 2007.

Aroldo bid the Secretary keep these minutes on file.