QGIS PSC Meeting 9th June 2021

Present

- Marco
- Alessandro
- Paolo
- Anita
- Andreas
- Jürgen

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/1l9KButT5FKVvQa17fG7N6N87mu7GlA3ZVJvEupmXgSU/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: Mexican user group
Mexico is doubly accounted in the country usergroups
→ one community voting member too much → account for it next year
TODO Marco: clarify with Mexican voting member

Marco: Accessibility in QGIS
Was answered on the mailing list
No TODOs right now.

Marco: Finnish mapping agency feedback.
Project on topographic landscape model. QGIS is planned for editing geodata (2D and 3D).
Postgis as a data store.
No TODOs right now.

Marco: License generator https://www.sqlite.org/purchase/license
Could be an option if users need a license for procurement purposes
No TODOs right now.

Marco: QGIS stand-alone installer for without non-free licenses
Currently the stand-alone installer includes Mrsid + 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)

Anita: QGIS (Open Day) Youtube channel has reached > 1.25k subscribers
https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCGS162t4hkOA0b35ucf1yng
Should it be featured more prominently on https://qgis.org?
TODO Anita: put it on the home page → https://github.com/qgis/QGIS-Website/pull/899

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](#)

Anita: 3.20 release
Follow new communication schedule:
- .0 release → social media posts
- .0 packages ready → "release candidate" blog post (including visual changelog and call for testing) and social media posts
- .1 packages ready → "release" blog post and social media posts
TODO Anita: Put "release candidate" on the splash screen for .0 version

Alessandro: Håvard Tveite passed
https://orienteering.sport/norwegian-great-havard-tveite-has-passed-away/
Idea: Public announcement, maybe more
Contact via Harrissou
TODO Anita: prepare a public announcement

Gatekeepers, Community roles draft
TODO Marco: still ongoing at [here](#)

New address for QGIS.ORG

- Will be moved to Laax in 2021 TODO: Andreas
- TODO Andreas: Reflect new chair/co-chair in trade registry

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

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Old agenda

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

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

Marco: AGM Preparations
Requires annual report and financial report and financial auditing report & asking for input re "matters arising" from members
Planned date: Monday 29th March 2021
TODO Marco: ask for matters arising
TODO Marco: check if revised voting procedure needs to be voted on by AGM

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