QGIS PSC Meeting 6th June 2023

Present
- Tim
- Anita
- Marco
- Regis
- Alessandro
- Jürgen

Excused:
- Andreas

Chair: Marco
Secretary: Anita

Video / Audio Channel
https://meet.jit.si/QGIS-PSC

Previous meeting minutes
📄 20230502-QGIS-PSC-Meeting-02-May-2023

Next meetings
See calendar

<mark>17:00 -18:30</mark>

Tickets
https://github.com/qgis/PSC/issues/

Agenda

Marco: Grant proposal != QEP. The grant proposals are not visible anywhere and what gets voted is a QEP which might be a superset of the grant proposal.

- **TODO Anita:** update process document and instructions for proposal writers: A proposal always equals a full/complete QEP. If the proposal only covers a subset of an existing QEP, the proposer needs to create a new QEP. To provide context, the original/larger QEP can be linked to the new QEP.

Marco: AGM

- No single email came
- No candidates for auditors unless Andreas has some.
- Andreas Neumann Do we have the missing documents?
    - The financial report will follow in a separate mail as soon as possible
    - The auditing report will follow in a separate mail as soon as possible
- 10.6 the voting starts
    - **TODO Marco:** check with Andreas if the schedule still holds or if we need to move the start by one week.
- It would be really great to have a [non-psc person] dedicated to running AGM and community votes. I'd much rather spend time on finalizing vision, mission and try to get corporate sponsors.
  Motion to create a new role like OSGeo CRO to run this.
    - +1 Anita
    - +1 Marco
    - **TODO Marco:** send out call for candidates

Marco: PSC telegram group move

The telegram group is amazing for sorting out things quickly, but not having Andreas in there is very suboptimal. Could we move to signal or something that works for everyone?

- Anita +1 for Signal
- Alessandro +1 for Signal
- Régis : would prefer Matrix but Signal is OK
- Jürgen +1 for IRC
- Tim: -0 (like to keep our inertia, but will use anything)
- **TODO Marco:** ask Andreas which app he prefers

Marco: Contributor meeting 2024 decision

- General Guidelines for QGIS conference events:
    - Fixed time of the year would be preferable; e.g. in the summer half year between April and Sept
- Slovakia -> with conference up to 80 people (pre booking september 2024)

- Larger would be preferred → ask if they can get a bigger venue (assuming we can attract a larger audience)
  - TODO Marco: tell Andreas to let Martin give the OK for Slovakia
- Switzerland -> with conference (2025?)
- Sweden -> rather without conference
- 2026 FOSS4G potentially back in Europe???

Anita: Grant programme status
- ~ ¼ have already voted
- Reminder has been sent today
- Deadline in one week

Tim: QGIS Funded Contributor Process
- 10 developer applications
- 26 documentation writer applications
- Have shortlisted 3 from each group
- Documentation writer CVs shared with Harrisou, waiting feedback
- Shortlisted developers have been sent practical assignments
- Will try to have everything finalized by end of June

Régis : QGIS OGC certification
- Paul is volunteering to work on the servers that run the certification tasks
- Paul submitted 3.30 to OGC and is waiting for feedback
- WMS, WFS

Régis : Webdesigner hiring ?
- Let's set up a meeting with the French candidates ?
- **TODO**: invite them to call on Thursday

Blast from the past
- https://www.youtube.com/shorts/VbksSySXN1A ← random clip of Marco Bernasocchi found while looking for it
- https://www.youtube.com/shorts/QMTaQhZ1htg ← and one of Anita Graser

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OLD Agenda

Régis: Paul Blottier is asking if we should maintain the performance testing servers
- http://test.qgis.org/perf_test/graffiti/
- Takes a server rental (no automatic monitoring so far) → Marco: could hook it into a Grafana instance
- Some work to keep it alive → no numbers available so far
- Still using 3.14, needs love to bump versions
- Is it used at all? → should send alerts when something goes bad; nobody should actively have to use it
- **TODO Régis** comes back to Paul to ask the amount of days required to maintain it , but still interesting to have
  - Live answers : There is already a basic alerting system with mails and monthly mean metrics
  - Paul is offering maintenance as part of his contribution to the project

Marco: Two trademark complaints this month
- http://www.qgis.si → company masking as user group
- https://qgis-day.com/programm/ → well known OpenSource company who is in violation of trademark with the domain they use for their event
- https://qgis.com.mx/ → company took over domain of user group; group is working on it

→ **TODO Marco Bernasocchi** to contact them

Marco GPL iOS exception thoughts?
- https://github.com/nextcloud/ios/blob/master/COPYING.iOS
- https://github.com/qgis/QGIS/blob/master/Exception_to_GPL_for_Qt.txt

- TODO `Marco Bernasocchi` : find out if QGIS developers would agree to having this explicit exception -> checked with some generally yes, need to ask more devs (preferably in person in Kosovo)

Tim: Barriers to participation in the QGIS project / recruiting young core contributors
- TODO Alessandro: find materials and forward them to Anita
  - VM for dev quick start: https://github.com/elpaso/qgis-dev-vagrant
  - TODO: find recording of onboarding sessions
- TODO Anita: write blog post
- TODO: add existing materials to the QGIS Youtube channel
- Onboarding session at Den Bosch is also planned
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Tim/Alessandro: PR handling of paid vs. for-fun PRs
- PR work for funded features should be paid by the developer's customer
- The "funded by" field could be used to determine if a PR is from a commercial development contract or for-fun
- There is potential for improvement in transparency re PR work funding → TODO: follow-up at the hackfest

Marco: KDAB status?
- KDAB does not have a solution for us
- **TODO Alessandro**: reach out to Nyall et al. to come up with a plan
- We need to allocate some time to work on
  - WebKit / WebEngine. QGIS is using Qt WebKit which was dropped in Qt6. The QtWebEngine (only option in Qt6) cannot be run in the same application as Qt3D.
  - We also rely on webkit for rendering html elements in high quality in layouts. WebEngine does not support making high quality exports. We need to find out the cost of making webengine perform to the same level as webkit since webkit will not be available.

Marco: Pricing idea Tim
- Align prices with sustaining membership levels (to https://qgis.org/en/site/getinvolved/governance/sustaining_members/sustaining_members.html#qgis-sustaining-memberships
- Payment should be annually
- Replace "Donate" with "Become a sustaining member"
- Add reference to government orgs (currently it reads only targeted towards companies: Startups, Growing Team, Enterprise …)
- https://qgis.github.io/QGIS-Hugo/download/download/
- TODO Anita: Create issue with above change requests https://github.com/qgis/QGIS-Hugo/issues/136

Marco: Voting platforms/AGM
- Replacing google forms due to usability issues (on the side of the voters)
    - Limesurvey (experience: Harrissou @ French local instance; also: https://limesurvey.osgeo.org)
    - Loomio (experience: previously used by PSC, currently used by OpenGIS)
- Marco proposal is that we look into a better voting system with these criteria:
    - Secrecy of votes and also public votes where needed
    - Support for different kind of votes and decisions
        - PSC Decisions
        - Approval of minutes
        - AGM elections
        - Grant programme
    - Automation of calculation of results (PSC voting, AGM, grant programme, ….)
    - Support for publication of results of votings
    - No self-hosting
    - Candidate platforms:
        - Loomio
        - LimeSurvey
- TODO: Marco will look into the platform options and return in the next meeting with a proposal

Marco: engaging with ESA & Co
Postponed to next meeting

Andreas/Tim: Continue Vision discussion from the hackfest
- Will be continued in the upcoming weeks
- Legacy version: https://docs.google.com/document/d/1-bh6gP3m2LrsuAEJ5eZM7uTjXNv5roRIA1sc8eN0Gxw/edit
- Hackfest Firenze 2022 version: (link???)

Marco: QGIS chile (company)
- Marco sent mail but no response yet

Marco: QGIS Portugal
- Organization (ESOP) is interested in supporting QGIS.ORG (somehow, unclear yet).
- Alessandro: follow-up -> Giovanni will look into it

○ No pressure there

Long-term issues

Andreas: Approaching larger sponsors who support FOSS4G
- **TODO Marco:** try to identify promising contacts and reach out to them as chair
- **TODO Marco**: follow-up on Google 10 most important C++ projects

Gatekeepers, Community roles draft
TODO Marco: still ongoing at here

TODO marco: follow-up vision meeting → Goals of QGIS

\\Anita/Andreas: Numfocus application
- NumFocus already funds GDAL: https://numfocus.org/sponsored-projects
  (This seems to be GDAL's application form:
  https://docs.google.com/document/d/1bc5jdpCe1axdyBHxbJnun7e0DTyDoZI_eFYgJYn
  OhB8/edit based on https://gdal.org/development/rfc/rfc80_numfocus_relationship.html)
- Application date for round 3 is October 15.
- It could be a way to approach more US donors since NumFocus is a registered
  non-profit there. According to the GDAL docs, they take 15% off the earmarked
  donations for running NumFocus