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To QGIS.ORG voting members (General Assembly)

Annual General Meeting (AGM) 2020

Location: Virtual, ad hoc Mailing list
Time: April 5 to May 3, 2020

Attendees (38 members out of a total of 47 voting members):

- Martin Dobias - Community Voting Member
- Nathan Woodrow - Community Voting Member
- Matthias Kuhn - Community Voting Member
- Nyall Dawson - Community Voting Member
- Giovanni Manghi - Community Voting Member
- Denis Rouzaud - Community Voting Member
- Alexander Bruy - Community Voting Member
- Regis Haubourg - Community Voting Member
- Even Rouault - Community Voting Member
- Werner Macho - Community Voting Member
- Vincent Picavet - Community Voting Member
- Yves Jacolin - Community Voting Member
- Alessandro Pasotti - Community Voting Member
- Paul Blottiere - Community Voting Member
- Mathieu Pellerin - Community Voting Member
- Luigi Pirelli - Community Voting Member
- Alexandre Neto - Community Voting Member
- Tom Chadwin - Community Voting Member
- Hugo Mercier - Community Voting Member
- Country Voting Member Denmark: Jacob Arpe
- Country Voting Member Italy: Matteo Ghetta
- Country Voting Member Scotland: Ross McDonald
- Country Voting Member Portugal: João Gaspar
- Country Voting Member Wales: Kevin Williams
- Country Voting Member Germany: Thomas Schüttenberg
- Country Voting Member Switzerland: Hans-Jörg Stark
- Country Voting Member Poland: Milena Nowotarska
- Country Voting Member Brazil: Arthur Nanni
- Country Voting Member Japan: Kosuke ASAHI
- Country Voting Member South Africa: Admire Nyakudya
- Country Voting Member France: Harrissou Sant-anna
- Country Voting Member Sweden: Karl Magnus Jönsson
- Country Voting Member Australia: Andrew Jeffrey
- Country Voting Member USA: Kurt Menke
- Country Voting Member Mexico: Hennessy Amor Becerra Ayala
- Country Voting Member Romania: Tudor Bărăscu
- Country Voting Member Spain: Carlos López Quintanilla
- Country Voting Member Colombia: Germán Carrillo

Agenda

1. Approval of the annual report 2019
2. Approval of the annual financial report 2019
3. Approval of the 2020 budget
4. Election of two financial auditors for the upcoming year
5. Re/Election of Board
6. Re/Election of PSC
7. Deal with matters brought forward by voting members and by the PSC.

Meeting Minutes

In April 2020 we held our fifth AGM event. The AGM was a virtual gathering, conducted via online forms and voting. Here follow the minutes of the AGM. 38 of the 47 QGIS Voting Members participated in the AGM which is sufficient to constitute a quorum.

1. **Approval of the annual report of the president for 2019**
   The annual report 2019 is available at
   https://www.qgis.org/en/site/getinvolved/governance/annual_reports/index.html and
   was approved unanimously by the Voting Members with 38 "yes" votes.

2. **Approval of the annual financial report (2019):**
   The annual financial report is available at
   https://www.qgis.org/en/site/getinvolved/governance/finance/index.html and was
   approved by the Voting Members with 38 "yes" votes.

3. **Approval of the 2020 budget:**
   The budget for 2020 is available at
   https://www.qgis.org/en/site/getinvolved/governance/finance/index.html and was
   approved by the Voting Members with 38 "yes" votes.

4. **Election of two financial auditors for the upcoming year:**
   No new nominations were received for the two financial auditors, thus we will
   continue with the currently help auditors:
   4.1. Andreas Vonlaufen
   4.2. Andreas Voigt
   4.3. This was approved by the Voting Members with 38 "yes" votes. We would like
   to thank the financial auditors for agreeing to take on this duty.

5. **Re/Election of Board Members**
   Following the outcome of the vote for board membership, the board shall be
   constituted as follows:

   Chair: Marco Bernasocchi (former vice-chair), 22/38 votes

Vice-Chair: Alessandro Pasotti (new), 22/38 votes
Treasurer: Andreas Neumann (as before), 38/38 votes

The votes were reviewed and accepted by Lene Fischer and Ismail Sunni.

6. **Re/Election of PSC Members**
    The board members shall also serve on the PSC. The following members were all re-elected to the PSC:

    Re-elected PSC member: Anita Graser with a weighted PSC score of 73
    Re-elected PSC member: Jürgen Fischer with a weighted PSC score of 53
    Re-elected PSC member: Paolo Cavallini with a weighted PSC score of 130

    The scores were reviewed and accepted by Lene Fischer and Ismail Sunni.

7. **Matters brought forward by voting members and the PSC:**
    7.1. Two new honourable voting members were accepted (see
          https://www.qgis.org/en/site/getinvolved/governance/charter.html#honorable-members):
        7.1.1. Harrissou Sant-anna accepted as an honourable voting member with 36 out of 38 votes
        7.1.2. Nyall Dawson accepted as an honourable voting member with 36 out of 38 votes
    7.2. Environmental policy accepted with 34 out of 38 votes (see Appendix 1 below).

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Appendix 1: QGIS Environmental Policy

Environmental Policy of QGIS.ORG

Rationale

Environmental issues, such as the climate crisis, the rapid decrease of biodiversity, and pollution are pressing issues for everyone in the Geoscience community and beyond. Many QGIS users and contributors are geoscientists or geoinformatics specialists. As such, we need to act responsibly and serve as role models. If we act, there is a chance that the members of the general public that are less informed about these issues will also feel the urgency to act and help reduce the impact of human activity on our planet.

Policy

QGIS.ORG and the QGIS community are committed to act responsibly regarding their actions and activities where it has any relevant influence on the environment.

This includes mainly our server infrastructure and our physical contributor meetings.

Server infrastructure

The infrastructure provider should run the QGIS.ORG infrastructure with renewable energy. Rented server or cloud resources should be sized according to their expected load. Oversizing of infrastructure resources should be avoided.

Physical contributor meetings

Choice of location: when choosing the location for a contributor meeting, the remoteness of the location of the contributor meeting should be factored in. Very remote places where the majority of participants have to fly to should be avoided.

Traveling to the meeting: when feasible, participants should be encouraged to choose more environmentally friendly transport options: preferably trains or buses rather than planes. When choosing transport by car, car pooling should be encouraged.
QGIS.ORG has a program allowing contributor meeting participants to ask for travel expenses reimbursement. Efforts to travel with a low-impact means of transportation will be taken into account for travel grant decisions.
Conditions for reimbursement of plane tickets :
- no reimbursement if alternative train rides with a travel time <= 10 hours exist (12 hours when including a night train connection), even if the train ticket costs more than the airfare.
- When the air travel option has to be chosen and the traveller is claiming travel cost reimbursements, the traveller should pay extra for a carbon offset through an accredited carbon offset company. QGIS.ORG will also reimburse this extra cost.
- Sample organizations who offer carbon offset: MyClimate, Atmosfair or other comparable organizations.

Remote participation: For participants who cannot attend in person, QGIS.org encourages meeting's organizers to enable remote participation through scheduled discussions and video conferencing.

Catering: Local organizers should organize the catering in an environmentally friendly way as much as possible. Local food should be preferred over food that requires significant transportation. Reusable tableware, cups and cutlery should be preferred over disposable single-use options as they are generally considered to be more friendly to the environment. Meeting attendees should be encouraged to bring their own drinking bottle and event organisers should be requested to promote using potable water from the water mains system, or if that is not suitable, a 'drinking fountain' that can be used to fill up water containers without generating large amounts of plastic waste.

Smoking and e-cigarettes: Second-hand intake of nicotine-based products are hazardous to health and create an unpleasant environment for non-consumers when done near them. Be respectful and do not use these products in doorways or other common areas outside where non-smokers gather. Organizers should rather provide a designated smoking area and request that smokers and e-cigarette users refrain from smoking elsewhere.