

20241121 Plan 9 Foundation Board Meeting Minutes

Date: 2024-11-21 Time: 12:00 PST (UTC-7:00)

Location: meet.google.com/cfu-gksi-nqf

Roll call & Quorum: David du Colombier, Ron Minnich, Robert Kroeger, Anthony Sorace, Paul Lalonde, Skip Tavakkolian; Ori Bernstein. Quorum present

Call to order

Approval of the agenda: Moved by Paul, seconded Anthony; approved.

Next meeting date: 2024-12-19

Approve 2024-10-31 Minutes:

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1cXP0m6g8k70ZsNgEbIkB-BzdBOP-gJjSZool0-XVQBw/edit?tab=t.0>

Moved for approval by Rob, Seconded Ori. Approved; Paul abstains (not present).

Reports

Treasurer's Report: Tabled until later in meeting.

Current balance: \$758.58

Last 30 days transaction:

11/03 Ramnode -\$12.10

11/04 Zeffy \$7.50

11/06 Gandi -\$399.80 (5 years, 2 domains)

11/09 US PTO -\$250.00

11/10 Catalyst -\$345

Pending tasks:

finish connecting our new venmo & paypal accounts to our bank

finish Benevity connection to our bank w/ ach info

still owe Ori for \$725 IWP9 2024. :-/

Committee Reports

- IT Committee

Anthony: Domain renewals. Renewed for 5 years. Please file the receipt/contract into the Google Drive.

- Executive Committee

Prior Actions:

On November 4th 2024 it was brought to the board's attention that the Plan 9 Foundation's Annual Report was due to be delivered to the Oregon Secretary of State by October 9th. By electronic vote the board approved "that we accept Catalyst's filling for us this year, at their given fee, with the change of our secretary office noted and the contact email address changed to "board@p9f.org"."

Motion passed, and Catalyst filled the report. The report was duly filed and can be found at https://drive.google.com/file/d/1EtIrEge7bNI2wlIFIIgbGkVtUMbe0BXo/view?usp=drive_link in the 'p9f/Board Business/Corporation/Annual Reports' folder of the p9f google drive.

Ron: Benevity self-declaration. Documents in board drive at https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1a0T_Mwe_zA4Gw02vPJF37wZn3lvOtOqW

Skip: Q for executive committee
Any update on the Veem patent troll suit?

Ron: Talked to them and the lawyer. They didn't want to just subpoena us, so reached out. They want a statement from the foundation that the code they are pointing to is the code that was released in a particular Plan 9 release. Having these right out of the ISO is doing a good job of showing provenance. There's still a question of standing - none of us was at Bell Labs at the time. Skip has the 4th edition set which he could share with Veem.

Ori: Other thing that's interesting is to point at the paper which describes the algorithm. Ori could also be an expert witness.

Skip: Linux foundation has formed a group for fighting patent trolls; might come in handy.

- IWP9 Update

- Skip:
- Eduroam account being set up for the conference
 - Might do a panel for the history section
 - Reminders to send to 9fans and 9front
 - Submission deadline moving to January

Business

Ron: President's report 2024

Goal was to stand up a community. We managed reasonably well. Users list exists, 9fans coming and will be moderated. Resolving our distribution issues has helped. One ongoing concern: How do we change the boy's club nature of our community?

Ron: 9fans ownership

Russ was supportive of moving 9fans to our ownership and moderation. Russ has been traveling, so there will be a gap before the transfer. The cost is approximately \$20/month.

Anthony will be the single public face. Multiple people should have moderator rights, etc. This could be the same set of people currently moderating Users. We can also then fold users into 9fans.

Looks like this will close in the first week of December.

Skip: Do we want an extended version of the Code of Conduct?

Ori: Three thoughts:

1. Initial moderation will be very tight.
2. Need an appeals process
3. Board can review.

Anthony: New users moderated by default, people with a track record get to be post-moderated if needed.

Open discussion/working session

Pulled up the president's report, refined.

Adjourned at 1:01pm