

General Assembly of Free Software Foundation Europe e.V.

October 13, 2013

Österreichische Mediathek
Marchettischlössl (2. Stock)
Gumpendorfer Straße 95
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Austria

Opening by the Chair

Time: 15:07

By invitation sent on August 30, 2013, we have come together for our General Assembly 2013 in Vienna, Austria, on Sunday October 13, 2013.

Members attending the assembly:

- Karsten Gerloff [Chair]
- Hugo Roy
- Matthias Kirschner
- Reinhard Müller
- Patrick Ohnewein
- Jonas Öberg
- Martin Gollowitzer
- Heiki Ojasild

Members not attending

- Georg Greve (Georg Greve assigned his vote to Hugo Roy by signed email to the President)
- Werner Koch (Werner Koch assigned his vote to Hugo Roy by signed email to the President)
- Shane Coughlan (Shane Coughlan assigned his vote to Matthias Kirschner by signed email to the President)
- Torsten Grote (Torsten Grote assigned his vote to Matthias Kirschner by signed email to the President)
- Giacomo Poderi (Giacomo Poderi assigned his vote to Patrick Ohnewein by signed email to the President)
- Bernhard Reiter (Bernhard Reiter assigned his vote to Karsten Gerloff by signed email to the President)
- Nikos Roussos (Nikos Roussos assigned his vote to Karsten Gerloff by signed email to the President)
- Henrik Sandklef (Henrik Sandklef assigned his vote to Jonas Öberg by signed email to the President)
- Pablo Machon

- Fernanda Weiden

Guests presents:

- Erik Albers
- Lucile Falgueyrac
- Matija Šuklje
- Sam Tuke

Agenda

1. Greeting
2. Determination of resolutionability
3. Approval of the changes on the agenda
4. Approval of minutes of general assembly held in Lisbon, Portugal, on April 29, 2012.
5. Welcome of elected Fellowship representative: Heiki Ojasild
6. Membership confirmation of new members
7. Report of Executive Council
8. Exoneration of
Karsten Gerloff (President 2011-2013)
Henrik Sandklef (Vice President, 2011-2013)
Reinhard Müller (Financial Officer, 2011-2013)
9. Election of new President, Vice President, Financial Officer
10. Miscellaneous
(a) Mandate for the Executive to conduct a Strategy Development Process
11. Closing

Greeting

- The Chair welcomes all present to the General Assembly.
- The Chair asks for changes to the Agenda.

Determination of resolutionability

8 of 18 members are present.

8 members are absent, but represented by members present:

- Georg Greve (Georg Greve assigned his vote to Hugo Roy by signed email to the President)

- Werner Koch (Werner Koch assigned his vote to Hugo Roy by signed email to the President)
- Shane Coughlan (Shane Coughlan assigned his vote to Matthias Kirschner by signed email to the President)
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The Chair notes that the invitation has been sent in time and that 16 out of 18 members are present or represented. The Chair declares the General Assembly to be resolutionable.

Adoption of the agenda

The Agenda is thus adopted and #2 is closed.

Approval of minutes of general assembly held in Lisbon, Portugal, on April 29, 2012.

The Chair reads out the minutes of the previous General Assembly for confirmation and asks the General Assembly to approve them through vote.

No secret vote is requested.

Result: 14 for, 0 against, 2 abstentions

The Chair determines that the minutes of the previous General Assembly are approved.

Welcome of elected Fellowship representative: Heiki Ojasild

The Chair welcomes the elected Fellowship Representative, Heiki Ojasild, to the General Assembly.

Applause from the members.

The Fellowship Representative thanks the Chair.

Membership confirmation of new member(s):

Martin Gollowitzer

The Chair notes that Martin Gollowitzer is a now member of FSFE. The application was passingly granted and requires confirmation by the General Assembly.

The Chair puts proposal on the membership of Martin Gollowitzer to the vote.

No secret vote is requested.

Result: 15 for, 0 against, 0 abstentions

The Chair declares Martin Gollowitzer confirmed as a member of FSFE and welcomes him as a member of FSFE. Martin Gollowitzer is applauded by the GA.

Hugo Roy

The Chair notes that Hugo Roy is a now member of FSFE. The application was passingly granted and requires confirmation by the General Assembly.

The Chair puts proposal on the membership of Hugo Roy to the vote.

No secret vote is requested.

Result: 13 for, 0 against, 2 abstentions

The Chair declares Hugo Roy confirmed as a member of FSFE and welcomes him as a member of FSFE. Hugo Roy is applauded by the GA.

Report of Executive Council

In the course of the preparation for this General Assembly, the Executive and the Financial Officer presented the members with a summary executive report and an aggregated financial statement.

The General Assembly requests that the President should provide additional details within two weeks.

The Chair asks whether there are further questions.

There are no further questions.

7. Changes to FSFE's constitution

The Chair proposes a list of changes to the statute of Free Software Foundation Europe e.V. The Chair reminds the members that changes of the statute require a majority of three quarters of the delivered valid voices; abstentions are not counted.

a) Allow for membership dues in the form of volunteer work

The Chair explains the proposed change, and puts it to the vote. No secret vote is requested.

Result: 12 for, 0 against, 4 abstentions thereby adopted

b) Clarify definition which Fellows may vote for the Fellowship seats

The Chair explains the proposed change, and puts it to the vote. No secret vote is requested.

Result: 15 for, 0 against, 1 abstentions thereby adopted

c) Remove the Executive Director position from the constitution

The Chair explains the proposed change, and puts it to the vote. No secret vote is requested.

Hugo Roy says that the GA did not receive an assessment of the legal implications of the decision. Some people of the GA feel that we should not just invent and remove roles from the institution, and wants to highlight that we are in a process where there might be changes coming in the near future.

Result: 3 for, 6 against, 7 abstentions thereby rejected

d) Timing and location of the General Assembly

The Chair explains the proposed change, and puts it to the vote. No secret vote is requested.

Heiki Ojasild adds that FSFE should reconsider the decision when there are again more national associations.

Result: 16 for, 0 against, 0 abstentions thereby adopted

Exoneration of

Karsten Gerloff (President 2011-2013)

Henrik Sandklef (Vice President, 2011-2013)

Reinhard Müller (Financial Officer, 2011-2013)

The Chair proposes whether the General Assembly would like to exonerate Karsten Gerloff, Henrik Sandklef, and Reinhard Müller in a single vote.

All members of the General Assembly agreed.

No secret vote is requested.

Result: 16 for, 0 against, 0 abstention

The Chair notes that Karsten Gerloff, Henrik Sandklef, Reinhard Müller have been duly exonerated.

The Chair notes that all executive of the FSFE have been duly exonerated.

Karsten Gerloff thanks Henrik Sandklef and Reinhard Müller for their work as Vice President and

Financial Officer of FSFE in the past two years.

Election of new President, Vice President, Financial Officer

The Chair explains the constitutional voting process for this election.

Jonas Öberg nominates Karsten Gerloff for the office of President of the FSFE and asks for other nominations from the GA. No other nominations are proposed and the candidate is put to the vote.

No secret vote was requested.

Result: 15 for, 0 against, 1 abstentions

Karsten Gerloff expresses his acceptance.

Heiki Ojasild nominates Matthias Kirschner for the office of Vice President. No other nominations are proposed and the candidate is put to the vote.

The Chair puts the candidate to the vote.

No secret vote is requested.

Result: 12 for, 0 against, 4 abstentions

The Chair asks Matthias Kirschner if he accepts the office.

Matthias Kirschner expresses that he accepts the office.

The Chair thanks and congratulates Matthias Kirschner as the new Vice President of FSFE.

Karsten Gerloff nominates Reinhard Müller for the position of Financial Officer. No other nominations are proposed.

The Chair puts the candidate to the vote.

No secret vote requested.

Result: 16 for, 0 against, 0 abstentions

The Chair asks Reinhard Müller if he accepts the office of Financial Officer.

Reinhard Müller expresses his acceptance.

The Chair congratulates Reinhard Müller and expresses his gratitude for once more accepting the office of Financial Officer.

Matthias Kirschner acknowledges the great contribution from Reinhard through the years as FSFE's Financial Officer.

Miscellaneous

Strategy development process

The members discuss the need for a strategic plan for the next three to five years. The members see this as a priority for the coming months.

The members ask the President to, until the end of 2013, produce a plan for a systematic strategy development process, which should begin in the first half of 2014.

The General Assembly expects that the results of the strategy development process will be presented and discussed at the next ordinary General Assembly.

Fellowship coordination

The Chair informs the General Assembly that Erik Albers will take on the role of Fellowship Coordinator from January 1, 2014.

Other items

The Chair asks for other miscellaneous items.

The Chair declares the agenda item “Miscellaneous” completed.

Closing

The GA is officially closed at 15:51.

Signatures

Matthias Kirschner (Minutes)

Karsten Gerloff (Chair)