

Board Meeting Minutes

Date: October 6, 2023

Time: 9AM pacific time

Location: Video conferencing, multiple locations

Attendees: Anton, Wei, Tanya, Mike, Kristof, Reid, Chris B, Chris L, Kit

Agenda

- Approve September 8, 2023 meeting minutes
 - Minutes approved by Anton, Wei, Tanya, Mike, Kristof, Reid, Chris B, Chris L, Kit
- Follow-up from previous meeting
 - GSoC: How do we maintain connections with GSoC graduates? Received a personal inquiry. How do we support continued contributions?
 - LLVM does not explicitly collect/record information about students involved in specific projects
 - We have asked students to write blog posts describing their projects, but have received few responses from the students
 - Could have future blog posts advertising all of the successful GSOC LLVM projects to provide some record of GSOC projects and participants each year
 - What is our stance on anonymous code contributions? There is increasing pressure to be able to reliably attribute code contributions to authors.
 - We should raise this issue at the BOF next week as something that has been raised and we are investigating/discussing
- LLVM Dev Mtg Update
 - ~400 people registered; several pre-conference workshops sold out
 - Foundation BoF on Thursday. Tanya will prepare slides.
 - Have a photographer for the main conference
- 2024 EuroLLVM Update
 - Very close to finalizing on Vienna, Austria,
- 2024 US LLVM Dev Mtg Update
 - Close to finalizing contracting with same venue for next year
- Sponsorship Doc update and approval/ Sponsor Meeting
 - Need to finalize text of sponsorship document, with minimal changes to rates (specifically to *Corporate Supporter* tier as benefit is not aligned with cost of registration to attend developers meeting)
 - Re-evaluate all levels of sponsorship and possibly change tiers based on the 2023 final budget and 2024 projected budget.
 - Goal is to have changes (if any) in place for 2024 LLVM Dev Meeting after feedback from sponsors
 - Feedback from other board members:
 - Sponsors really care about infrastructure

- Improvements to infrastructure should be driven by feedback from the sponsors and community
- Foundation Hiring
 - Have a list of candidates to interview
 - Will need board members to help organize and interview candidates
 - **TODO:** Mike and Tanya talk next week to coordinate setting up interviews
- Strategic Planning/Budgeting
 - In the process of transitioning accounts to Virtual; once complete, Virtual will assist with developing the 2024 budget.
- GitHub PR
 - Pull request activity has increased significantly - currently have 600+ PRs on github. Do not have data offhand on Phabricator reviews being created.
 - Would be good to get data on:
 - Responsiveness on PRs vs Phabricator
 - How many new contributors have started since the switch to PRs?
 - What other metrics would be interesting/useful?
 - Would it be worthwhile to have a roundtable discussion around data mining?
 - Some current pain points from switching to PRs:
 - Getting notifications
 - Stacked PRs
 - Large patches and long running reviews
 - Label-based subscriptions to PRs (functionality currently unavailable)
 - There is probably room for improvement here for these specific workflows that we could investigate
 - Anton notes that reverting a pull request through the GitHub web UI doesn't work. Our policy of prohibiting branch creation is interfering with the web revert feature.
 - Anton hopes this can be resolved by adjusting the filter on our branch prohibition policy to allow the revert branches
 - **TODO:** Set another meeting for board members to focus on what we can do to help with the pain points
- Random Brainstorming
 - Could we have a Help Wanted slide for things that we want help with (i.e., data mining for GitHub activity)
 - Could we have a newsletter with a summary update from various workstreams (e.g., relicensing, github data, GSOC, ...) and have volunteers commit to providing these updates on a monthly basis?
- Cloud Services
 - Exploring options for sponsors for cloud services
- Next Meeting, November 3, 2023
- Review and approve minutes (time permitting) [Everyone]
 - Minutes approved by: Anton, Wei, Tanya, Mike, Kristof, Reid, Chris B, Chris L, Kit