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