Board Meeting Minutes

Date: Apr 5, 2024  
Time: 9AM pacific time  
Location: Video conferencing, multiple locations

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

Agenda

- Approve March 1, 2024 previous meeting minutes
  o Approved by: Tanya, Kristof, Reid, Chris L, Chris B, Anton, Mike, Wei, Kit
- EuroLLVM 2024 Updates [Tanya]
  o Attendance
    ■ At 260 registered attendees; contracted with venue for 300
  o Budget
    ■ Projected budget was $1100/person; actual costs are expected to be around $1300/person
    ■ We have multi-year contracts for the US dev meeting, but EuroLLVM has traditionally been a “roaming” conference. Discussed the option of having a recurring EuroLLVM venue to reduce cost.
    ■ Noted that US EuroLLVM attendees will need a visa to travel to the Shengen zone starting in 2025
  o Community
    ■ Workshop will mimic the US-workshop more; community involvement seems to have decreased since pandemic
    ■ Need support from corporations to encourage people to volunteer for this
    ■ Also need to have a larger discussion about burn-out within the community, and need to impress the importance of community involvement to the corporate sponsors
- Budget Update [ Tanya ]
  o Virtual Status
    ■ We have terminated contract with Virtual
    ■ In discussion with Beyond Balanced Books to clean up our books and resuming bookkeeping services
    ■ Still do not have a budget for 2024
- Dropping requirement for contributions to be covered under legacy license [Kristof]
  o Our IP lawyer answered our questions (about dropping legacy license): no concerns.
  o Go ahead with posting message to Discourse?
    ■ Yes; post on announcements and ask people to email responses board@llvm
  o The LLVM Foundation, as a binary distributor of LLVM, needs to ensure correct attributions are provided in the distribution.
  o When do we declare success on relicensing?
- Unlikely to get agreement on 100% of code that is currently in the codebase
- Declare success when the vast majority of code is under new license and remaining code is under dual license.

- **GSoc update [Anton]**
  - Project proposal submission period ended on Tuesday (April 2)
  - Mentors are evaluating proposals
  - Received 33 proposals, compared to 54 last year
  - Feedback from mentors on reduced participation indicates shift in priorities from employers away from GSoC projects
  - Have 3 weeks to review all proposals and select projects

- **Infrastructure hiring [ChrisB]**
  - More important to hire a DevOps engineer instead of an Infrastructure Director; motivation is to hire someone to do the work, instead of organizing the work that needs to be done.
  - Is there enough consensus on what needs to be done? There are a lot of pain points that could be addressed immediately to improve things
  - Do we have a decision-making process to guide what should be done? The governance guidelines from Chris B is a step in the right direction.
  - We still have a lot of work that is in progress and has not been completed; this also needs to be included as part of this role.
  - **TODO**: Chris B and Mike will drive the job posting over the next month.
  - **TODO**: Chris B and Mike will write proposal for how the infrastructure role will receive work/direction, receive feedback, performance reviews, etc.

- **Supply Chain Security [ChrisB]**
  - Recent issues with security in Open Source supply chain.
  - The foundation can help advise the community and develop directions/thoughts on how to approach and deal with these problems.
  - **TODO**: Should we do a sponsored talk at the US LLVM Dev Meeting to discuss this? What other ways can the foundation help the community get more information or help with this problem?
  - Need to promote and encourage high functioning community members (e.g., code reviews) and the ability to react quickly if something bad happens while balancing contributor burnout.
  - We should be having discussions in alternative open forums (e.g., zoom, online sync-ups) in addition to Discourse, to be more inclusive and ensure a broader community reach.

- **AI Generated Code notice [Tanya]**
  - **TODO**: Chris L and Reid will write a paragraph to add to the developer policy (link) explaining the LLVM’s approach of the use of AI-generated code

- Review and approve minutes (time permitting) [Everyone]