

# Minutes of the General Assembly on 14<sup>th</sup> January, 2017

Minute taker: Colin Finck

The General Assembly of the Association "ReactOS Deutschland e.V." took place in the internet (SSL secured IRC server) on 14<sup>th</sup> January, 2017 at 16:12 (local German time).



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Attendant members:

- Matthias Kupfer (President of the Association)
- Daniel Reimer (Vice President of the Association)
- Colin Finck (Treasurer)
- Amine Khaldi
- Mark Jansen
- Timo Kreuzer
- Thomas Faber (from 17:25)

## Summary of the decisions

- The Board has been discharged of its responsibilities.
- The Association seeks to attend the FOSDEM in February, Chemnitzer Linux-Tage in March, and FrOSCon in August 2017. It may also organize a ReactOS Hackfest in 2017 again.
- Colin Finck reported about scholarships and freelancers. The Association currently funds scholarships for two students and has contracted one freelancer for ReactOS USB work. Funds are still available for more paid development and the Association is open for ideas and applications.

The original wordings of all attendant members can be read in the attached IRC Log.

Aachen, 14<sup>th</sup> January, 2017

For the correctness of the minutes

(signed Colin Finck)  
(Minute taker)

(signed Matthias Kupfer)  
(President)

## Attachments

- Automatically created IRC Log of the General Assembly

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**Notice:** The time is given in UTC. For getting the German time on that day, add one hour.

[15:12] LogBot has joined #generalassembly with voice status  
[15:12] VoteBot has joined #generalassembly with voice status  
[15:13] Colin\_Finck has joined #generalassembly with voice status  
[15:19] Daniel\_Reimer has joined #generalassembly with voice status  
[15:20] <Daniel\_Reimer> Hi, Warnung im voraus, Matthias hab ich es schon gesagt. Ich bin an sich gleich nicht mehr zu Hause. Ich sehe zu, dass ich alles über Teamviewer verfolge. Wenn ich kein Handynetze habe, ist das halt dann blöd...  
[15:29] <Colin\_Finck> ok  
[15:36] Amine\_Khalidi has joined #generalassembly with voice status  
[15:36] <Amine\_Khalidi> hi everyone!  
[15:37] <Daniel\_Reimer> Test from Teamviewer. Hi Amine ^^  
[15:37] <Amine\_Khalidi> :)  
[15:38] <Daniel\_Reimer> Lets hope my mobile Network is nice to me...  
[15:38] <Amine\_Khalidi> we have like an hour right?  
[15:38] <Amine\_Khalidi> (just sat down and the very first thing I did was joining here)  
[15:39] <Daniel\_Reimer> 5Pm i think  
[15:40] <Colin\_Finck> yep, we start in 20 minutes  
[15:40] Mark\_Jansen has joined #generalassembly with voice status  
[15:40] <Colin\_Finck> hi Mark!  
[15:40] <Mark\_Jansen> hello :)  
[15:40] <Mark\_Jansen> i am on time i hope :)  
[15:40] <Amine\_Khalidi> you're even early :)  
[15:40] <Mark\_Jansen> 5 minutes  
[15:41] <Mark\_Jansen> i just got home  
[15:42] <Colin\_Finck> as we have a grace period of 15 minutes for everybody to join (and it's highly unusual we get \_everybody\_ from the e.V. to join), we begin at 5pm CET  
[15:43] <Colin\_Finck> for our newcomers: Note that the entire conversation here is logged and later published unredacted on <https://ev.reactos.org> as part of the General Assembly minutes  
[15:48] Timo\_Kreuzer has joined #generalassembly with voice status  
[15:48] <Timo\_Kreuzer> Schickt die Einladungen mal früher raus  
[15:49] <Timo\_Kreuzer> Sorry English here  
[15:49] <Timo\_Kreuzer> Please send out invites a bit earlier  
[15:49] <Colin\_Finck> noted  
[15:50] <Colin\_Finck> while we're still waiting for the others to join until 5pm, I hope you have all read the Annual Report that came with the invitation mail from 11st December  
[15:50] <Colin\_Finck> if not, please do so now, as the first vote will be regarding the discharging of the Board based on this report  
[15:52] Matthias\_Kupfer has joined #generalassembly with voice status  
[15:53] <Daniel\_Reimer> Ok. Arrived and still working Teamviewer ^^  
[15:55] <Colin\_Finck> hi Matthias\_Kupfer!  
[15:56] <Matthias\_Kupfer> Hello everyone  
[15:56] <Colin\_Finck> nice that at least the entire Board is here, so we can begin in 5 minutes :)  
[15:56] <Matthias\_Kupfer> the entire board was here the last time as well  
[15:57] <Timo\_Kreuzer> How many members are we now?  
[15:57] <Colin\_Finck> Amine\_Khalidi and Mark\_Jansen are here for the first time today. Thanks for caring about the foundation stuff behind ReactOS :)  
[15:57] <Mark\_Jansen> :)  
[15:58] <Colin\_Finck> Timo\_Kreuzer: 11  
[15:58] <Timo\_Kreuzer> nice  
[15:59] <Colin\_Finck> still looking forward to get more of the project people to join :)  
[15:59] <Matthias\_Kupfer> One Information to our new members: bear in mind, from 1700 CET the chat log is used as an official protocol and become available for authorizes  
[16:00] <Colin\_Finck> Matthias\_Kupfer: I always put the entire IRC log into the General Assembly minutes  
[16:00] <Colin\_Finck> from the time the IRC server was started  
[16:00] <Mark\_Jansen> Colin\_Finck, i saw nothing in the annual report about discharging the board?  
[16:00] <Mark\_Jansen> (it was the report of 2015)  
[16:00] <Matthias\_Kupfer> Mark\_Jansen: The annual report summarizes our activities  
[16:01] <Matthias\_Kupfer> the discharge has to be happen here in the assembly and was mentioned in the invitation  
[16:01] <Mark\_Jansen> ye  
[16:01] <Timo\_Kreuzer> Where is the report from 2016?  
[16:01] <Colin\_Finck> Timo\_Kreuzer: not yet done as this is the second attempt at the annual meeting that should have happened in 2016  
[16:01] <Matthias\_Kupfer> So, for the official part, thank you for coming  
[16:02] <Timo\_Kreuzer> ok  
[16:02] <Colin\_Finck> Timo\_Kreuzer: but nobody except the Board was present in November 2016  
[16:02] <Colin\_Finck> now Matthias\_Kupfer has the word  
[16:02] <Matthias\_Kupfer> I welcome you to the (second attempt) of the general assmblly for 2016(!)  
[16:03] <Matthias\_Kupfer> Colin already mentioned the reason for the second attempt, because the board is excluded from discharging the board  
[16:03] <Matthias\_Kupfer> for very obvious reasons  
[16:03] <Matthias\_Kupfer> Let's begin with the annual report of 2015  
[16:04] <Matthias\_Kupfer> are there any questions, remarks or complaints about the report?  
[16:04] <Matthias\_Kupfer> Has everyone read it?  
[16:04] <Timo\_Kreuzer> I have  
[16:04] <Mark\_Jansen> I have read it, no questions/remarks.  
[16:04] <Daniel\_Reimer> me too. no complaints  
[16:05] <Timo\_Kreuzer> (I read, no questions)  
[16:05] <Matthias\_Kupfer> Colin do we need a vote for that?  
[16:05] <Colin\_Finck> don't think so  
[16:05] <Colin\_Finck> let's go directly to discharging the responsibilities  
[16:06] <Colin\_Finck> I'm not sure if "discharging" the Board is a German thing, so let me explain it in short for the newcomers: When project members discharge the Board, the responsibilities for the actions the Board has taken in that year are transferred from the Board members to the foundation.  
[16:06] <Matthias\_Kupfer> okay, so we passed the first point of the agenda  
[16:06] <Colin\_Finck> therefore, we have to do it as part of the General Assembly every year, based on the Annual Report  
[16:06] <Colin\_Finck> and this is where we need you for point 2 of the agenda now  
[16:07] <Matthias\_Kupfer> before we start, I would like to add  
[16:08] <Matthias\_Kupfer> discharge is more or less a legal thing, it goal is to ensure, the board actually provided a correct annual report and take actions in the interest of all members  
[16:08] <Timo\_Kreuzer> Before we vote, maybe quickly explain VoteBot to the new members?  
[16:09] <Matthias\_Kupfer> according the charter  
[16:09] <Matthias\_Kupfer> Okay, we have a votebot, because everyone can give a secret vote without letting know any other person  
[16:10] <Matthias\_Kupfer> in a private query the vote bot asks a question with several options and gives options for you to answer  
[16:10] <Matthias\_Kupfer> so we can collect the result only  
[16:11] <Colin\_Finck> if you don't answer within 5 minutes, your vote will be counted as an abstention

[16:11] <Matthias\_Kupfer> In some votes some persons are excluded, e.g. the board members for the discharge  
[16:11] <Matthias\_Kupfer> any questions so far?  
[16:11] <Mark\_Jansen> one  
[16:11] <Mark\_Jansen> i assume those questions are prepared beforehand, would it be an option to already include them in the invitation mail?  
[16:12] <Mark\_Jansen> or is that on purpose not done as to avoid people discussing them?  
[16:12] <Colin\_Finck> Mark\_Jansen: it will be a single vote with the question: "Do you agree with discharging the responsibilities of the Board?"  
(in German: "Sprechen Sie dem Vorstand Entlastung aus?")  
[16:12] <Mark\_Jansen> oh, in that case nvm :)  
[16:12] <Mark\_Jansen> because that was already in the mail  
[16:13] <Colin\_Finck> looks like everybody's ready  
[16:13] <Colin\_Finck> Matthias\_Kupfer: shall I set up the vote now?  
[16:13] <Matthias\_Kupfer> Okay, so, Amine\_Khaldi are you ready for the vote, I still didn't read anything?  
[16:13] <Amine\_Khaldi> sure  
[16:13] <Matthias\_Kupfer> find, so Colin, please start  
[16:14] <VoteBot> Colin\_Finck has set up a vote and I'm asking all participating members in private messages now.  
[16:14] <VoteBot> Excluded from voting:  
[16:14] <VoteBot> Colin\_Finck  
[16:14] <VoteBot> Daniel\_Reimer  
[16:14] <VoteBot> Matthias\_Kupfer  
[16:15] <VoteBot> The vote is over. Here are the results!  
[16:15] <VoteBot> Question: Do you agree with discharging the responsibilities of the Board? (in German: "Sprechen Sie dem Vorstand Entlastung aus?")  
[16:15] <VoteBot> Answers:  
[16:15] <VoteBot> Abstention - 0 votes  
[16:15] <VoteBot> Yes - 3 votes  
[16:15] <VoteBot> No - 0 votes  
[16:15] <VoteBot> Total number of votes: 3  
[16:15] <Colin\_Finck> Thank you! This is really important for us :)  
[16:15] <Matthias\_Kupfer> Okay, many thanks  
[16:16] <Matthias\_Kupfer> In that case we know everyone's vote ;-)  
[16:16] <Colin\_Finck> For your information, the German financial authorities have just checked our Annual Reports for 2013 through 2015 as well and gave their blessing :)  
[16:16] <Mark\_Jansen> nice  
[16:16] <Daniel\_Reimer> great  
[16:16] <Matthias\_Kupfer> So, now for the upcoming activities:  
[16:17] <Matthias\_Kupfer> I already know we are going to take part of the Chemnitz Linux Days as usual  
[16:17] <Colin\_Finck> are we?  
[16:17] <Colin\_Finck> I heard Daniel had severe problems finding people  
[16:17] <Matthias\_Kupfer> Daniel made the submission  
[16:17] <Daniel\_Reimer> 90% sure  
[16:18] <Daniel\_Reimer> still wait for some absolute YES  
[16:18] <Matthias\_Kupfer> We have problems with finding people, but Daniel placed a submission in the CLT database  
[16:18] <Matthias\_Kupfer> I'm there (of course)  
[16:18] <Matthias\_Kupfer> Timo\_Kreuzer: could you join us?  
[16:19] <Timo\_Kreuzer> No  
[16:19] <Daniel\_Reimer> As I said. we cant wait any longer, but canceling is still possible, so...  
[16:19] <Colin\_Finck> Daniel\_Reimer: could I still join? I only just got my exam dates and I may finally come again after 6 years of absence..  
[16:19] <Timo\_Kreuzer> I'll be in Goa or rather on my flight back  
[16:19] <Daniel\_Reimer> sure Colin^^  
[16:19] <Daniel\_Reimer> i'd be happy to have you there ^^  
[16:20] <Matthias\_Kupfer> okay, i think we need at least 2 persons and I can step in for some moments if necessary  
[16:20] <Colin\_Finck> Daniel\_Reimer: cool! Probably won't be of much help with the preparation as one exam is right before CLT, but would really like to get to Chemnitz again  
[16:20] <Matthias\_Kupfer> Are there any other planned activities this year?  
[16:21] <Daniel\_Reimer> We discuss this later. we will get things working fine, but need ppl there  
[16:21] <Matthias\_Kupfer> Or other events, we would like to attend?  
[16:21] <Daniel\_Reimer> FOSDEM?  
[16:22] <Colin\_Finck> there is FOSDEM on February 3-5  
[16:22] <Matthias\_Kupfer> ups, that's a very short time notice  
[16:22] <Colin\_Finck> but a severe lack of people who can join  
[16:22] <Daniel\_Reimer> Vic had some problems i have. no clue if things went fine  
[16:23] <Matthias\_Kupfer> okay, so I assume we'll skip this, any other events this year, maybe later this year?  
[16:23] <Colin\_Finck> FrOSCon would be nice  
[16:23] <Colin\_Finck> and close to my place here :)  
[16:23] <Matthias\_Kupfer> it's around august if I remember right  
[16:23] <Colin\_Finck> August 19-20  
[16:23] <Colin\_Finck> in Bonn, Germany  
[16:23] <Colin\_Finck> maybe also an option for Mark\_Jansen  
[16:23] <Mark\_Jansen> that is quite alot closer, yes  
[16:24] <Daniel\_Reimer> remind me of that one. needs to check my holidays  
[16:24] <Matthias\_Kupfer> okay, so we are going to focus on FrOSCon as well, is there a registration deadline known?  
[16:24] <Mark\_Jansen> would be nice, ill mark it in my agenda  
[16:25] <Colin\_Finck> Matthias\_Kupfer: no idea. Don't even find a registration link on the website  
[16:25] <Colin\_Finck> would anybody take over the responsibility for this? :)  
[16:25] Thomas\_Faber has joined #generalassembly with voice status  
[16:26] <Colin\_Finck> hi Thomas\_Faber  
[16:26] <Colin\_Finck> you have time for FOSDEM, CLT, FrOSCon? :)  
[16:26] <Daniel\_Reimer> not before CLT . anyone else?  
[16:26] <Matthias\_Kupfer> The call for Projects is not open yet, so we have to wait, maybe we can get some information at Chemnitz Linux Days  
[16:26] <Thomas\_Faber> No for the first two, need to look up what/when froscon is  
[16:27] <Colin\_Finck> Thomas\_Faber: August 19-20, Bonn  
[16:28] <Matthias\_Kupfer> Colin\_Finck: are there any other events planned, any hacking event for example?  
[16:28] <Thomas\_Faber> Possibly. Nothing planned at that time so far  
[16:28] <Matthias\_Kupfer> otherwise we focus on CLT and FrOSCon  
[16:28] <Matthias\_Kupfer> and come to the next point of the agenda  
[16:29] <Colin\_Finck> Matthias\_Kupfer: I haven't planned a Hackfest and I haven't heard of anybody else doing so. Can't really say what I will be doing by the end of the year. But if there is strong demand, we may have one in Aachen again  
[16:29] <Matthias\_Kupfer> okay  
[16:29] <Matthias\_Kupfer> Paid development activities:  
[16:30] <Matthias\_Kupfer> Colin can you give an overview of the current situation  
[16:30] <Colin\_Finck> sure  
[16:31] <Colin\_Finck> right now, we're having two developers under scholarship  
[16:31] <Colin\_Finck> Giannis Adamopoulos just started this month and Hermes Belusca-Maito since November  
[16:31] <Colin\_Finck> we will soon also contract one freelancer, Vadim, for USB work  
[16:32] <Colin\_Finck> as all these activities usually last less than a year, we definitely have funds for even more such activities left  
[16:33] <Matthias\_Kupfer> for tax, legal and organisational reasons we avoid employers  
[16:33] <Colin\_Finck> basically, if you have ideas worth funding or know people whose ReactOS work could highly benefit from funding, don't hesitate to tell us  
[16:33] <Matthias\_Kupfer> so if anyone is qualified for a scholarship or can work as a freelancer, suggestions are welcome

[16:34] <Matthias\_Kupfer> membership isn't required  
[16:35] <Mark\_Jansen> Would it make sense for someone to be doing (paid) blog updates with what is happening in the community?  
[16:35] <Matthias\_Kupfer> so, I think that's all for that point, so we can move on to personal data changes  
[16:35] <Daniel\_Reimer> no changes in my case  
[16:36] <Matthias\_Kupfer> Mark\_Jansen: might be, but we are limited to specific tasks for our payments  
[16:36] <Colin\_Finck> Mark\_Jansen: would you know somebody?  
[16:36] <Mark\_Jansen> not directly, no  
[16:36] <Matthias\_Kupfer> it has to be development or education, paid blog updates don't seem to fit in those areas for me  
[16:36] <Mark\_Jansen> but if we would accept such a position, it is a different type of people you are looking for  
[16:36] <Mark\_Jansen> not developers per-se, but writers  
[16:37] <Colin\_Finck> yeah  
[16:37] <Timo\_Kreuzer> We could ask Geoff Chappell, he works as a freelancer and obviously has good knowledge, he might be hired by CS, but that's not yet sure and will probably not happen within the next few months. He might be expensive though :)  
[16:37] <Colin\_Finck> I actually hope for a community that is interested in doing that even without getting money  
[16:37] <Mark\_Jansen> Timo\_Kreuzer, i actually looked into that  
[16:37] <Mark\_Jansen> ~400\$ per hour  
[16:37] <Colin\_Finck> Timo\_Kreuzer: yep, he is expensive :D  
[16:37] <Timo\_Kreuzer> wow  
[16:37] <Mark\_Jansen> so let's not do that ^  
[16:38] <Mark\_Jansen> I did have some (brief) contact with him tho  
[16:38] <Colin\_Finck> but yeah, important enough that 2 people here know his hourly rate already :D  
[16:38] <Matthias\_Kupfer> 400\$ per hour, are you kidding?  
[16:38] <Mark\_Jansen> that is for short projects of 1-2 hours  
[16:38] <Mark\_Jansen> for longer projects the rate goes down  
[16:38] <Mark\_Jansen> but is still very high  
[16:38] <Colin\_Finck> Matthias\_Kupfer: someone who has built up a strong reputation for a very specific area of software engineering  
[16:39] <Mark\_Jansen> > The standard rate for small work items such as crash-dump analyses and casual questions about undocumented or under-documented Windows API functions is \$400 per hour. A minimum of one hour applies. After that, time is counted in decimal parts of hours.  
[16:39] <Matthias\_Kupfer> I don't know him, but it's a very high rate, he must be a relative of God  
[16:39] <Mark\_Jansen> he is good.  
[16:40] <Timo\_Kreuzer> But not a God, believe me  
[16:40] <Mark\_Jansen> to get back on the agenda  
[16:40] <Mark\_Jansen> i am in the process of moving  
[16:40] <Mark\_Jansen> so i will have a new address  
[16:41] <Mark\_Jansen> do you need it right now Colin\_Finck?  
[16:41] <Colin\_Finck> Mark\_Jansen: just drop me a line by E-Mail as soon as you have moved  
[16:41] <Mark\_Jansen> ok.  
[16:41] <Matthias\_Kupfer> If anybody would like to ask him, maybe with a hint the payment comes from donations, his rate may become negotiable  
[16:42] <Colin\_Finck> let's think about that outside this General Assembly  
[16:42] <Matthias\_Kupfer> okay  
[16:42] <Colin\_Finck> don't want to bloat the meeting minutes too much ;)  
[16:42] <Matthias\_Kupfer> are there any other personal changes (address, phone numbers, e-mail also)?  
[16:43] <Daniel\_Reimer> no  
[16:43] <Colin\_Finck> doesn't look like it  
[16:43] <Matthias\_Kupfer> Doesn't seem so, than thank you for being here  
[16:43] <Daniel\_Reimer> cya  
[16:43] <Amine\_Khalidi> thank you guys  
[16:44] <Colin\_Finck> let's get back to hacking :D  
[16:44] <Matthias\_Kupfer> please bear in mind, this was the 2nd meeting for 2015, so the general assembly for 2016 will come this year too  
[16:44] <Mark\_Jansen> :)  
[16:44] <Matthias\_Kupfer> after the annual report has been finished  
[16:44] <Mark\_Jansen> any estimate for the date?  
[16:44] <Matthias\_Kupfer> Colin\_Finck: is around easter a good date?  
[16:45] <Colin\_Finck> think we can try that  
[16:45] <Mark\_Jansen> alright  
[16:45] <Mark\_Jansen> thanks guys  
[16:46] <Colin\_Finck> people generally demand it to be more at the beginning/middle of a year instead of our now common end of year meetings  
[16:46] <Matthias\_Kupfer> okay, so we are going to schedule the next assembly around easter  
[16:47] <Matthias\_Kupfer> for legal reasons the invitation has to be sent to you some weeks earlier, so you will not miss that  
[16:47] <Matthias\_Kupfer> are there any wishes of things to include in the invitation apart from the annual report?  
[16:48] <Colin\_Finck> Election of the Board will be one part of the next General Assembly  
[16:48] <Colin\_Finck> it has been 3 years again  
[16:48] <Mark\_Jansen> some info regarding that would be nice :)  
[16:48] <Mark\_Jansen> to read up on before the meeting starts  
[16:49] <Matthias\_Kupfer> okay, we will include that info in the invitation mail  
[16:49] <Matthias\_Kupfer> So, I think that's it for today  
[16:49] <Matthias\_Kupfer> Thx again and a nice weekend  
[16:49] <Mark\_Jansen> have a good weekend all :)  
[16:50] <Amine\_Khalidi> :)  
[16:50] <Colin\_Finck> shutting down the IRC Server now