Minutes of the General Assembly on 13th December, 2018

Minute taker: Colin Finck

The General Assembly of the Association “ReactOS Deutschland e.V.” took place in the internet (SSL secured IRC server) on 13th December, 2018 at 20:00 (local German time).

Attendant members

- Matthias Kupfer (President of the Association)
- Daniel Reimer (Vice President of the Association)
- Colin Finck (Treasurer)
- Mark Jansen
- Amine Khaldi
- Thomas Faber
- Pierre Schweitzer (from 20:34)

Summary of the decisions

- Members of the Association plan to represent ReactOS on several events in 2019:
  - March: Chemnitzer Linux-Tage in Chemnitz, Germany
  - July: RMLL in Strasbourg, France
  - December: Open Source Summit in Paris, France
- The Association will organize another one-week ReactOS Hackfest in 2019, most likely again around August. Based on the input from Association and project members, there will not be a second official ReactOS Hackfest in the same year. However, the Association may sponsor independently locally organized Hackfests.
- The Board has been discharged of its responsibilities.
- §7.1 and §7.2 of the Articles of Association have been changed to extend the Board to four persons, adding a second Vice President.
- Matthias Kupfer, Daniel Reimer, Pierre Schweitzer, and Colin Finck have been elected as Board members, each with 7 “Yes” votes, 0 “No” votes, and no abstentions. They will serve as President (Matthias Kupfer), Vice President (Daniel Reimer), Vice President (Pierre Schweitzer), and Treasurer (Colin Finck).
- All members of the Association agreed to generally enable the compensation of Board members for their work, within the limits given by law and the Articles of Association.

The original wordings of all attendant members can be read in the attached IRC Log.
Aachen, 13th December, 2018
For the correctness of the minutes

(signed Colin Finck)  (signed Matthias Kupfer)
(Minute taker)        (President)

Attachments
- Automatically created IRC Log of the General Assembly
- Annual Report 2017
he also joined us this year, enabling experimental write support, but both times shortly after gsoc he went a-wall

We had one student working on ntfs, building on the work of pierre?

He worked on the Rapps application manager, to get it up to shape for the CE

(I only have one hand free for typing right now so would rather not elaborate.)

Do we have any mentor around?

that there were 4 projects)

what means 6/2?

(GSoC student)

Also something to consider: The student invited in 2017 is still with the project, as well as the student invited in 2018

haha

If you plan a hackfest 2019 I need to know asap regarding holidays and b33r shipping preparation ^^)

Therefore, their location was also technically well-equipped and came with a large kitchen with cheap beverages :)

This became necessary, because while the room in 2017 offered space for working and accommodation, it would have been too small if we had more attendees

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not sure if it’s possible to rearrange some agenda points to give him a chance to join late and participate himself in as many votings as possible

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Are there any remarks at this point otherwise I would like to start with the first point, which is the annual report of 2017

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It’s in discussion, but we have a little bit to consider the sudden end of CeBIT

so I’m kinda up to date about his personal situation, but that’s it basically

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both have been very successful in my opinion

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I think that was rather 2016 and 2017.

Mark Jansen has joined in.

Colin Finck: This year, we had Victor Perevertkin as our only GSoC student.

Mark Jansen: Right.

Matthias Kupfer: Okay, I was asking just for a brief summary.

Colin Finck: But I think we learned what we can do better and hope to get better applications and therefore more mentored students for next year's Google Summer of Code.

Daniel Reimer: Well, more is not always better. Only accept what you can mentor. That's what we did that year.

Matthias Kupfer: Okay, as far as the development, potential, the google offer and money.

Colin Finck: Daniel Reimer: Yeah, but one of the reasons was also the few and mostly bad quality of the other student applications.

Colin Finck: If we advertise our GSoC participation better, we should get better student applications too.

Matthias Kupfer: Matthias Kupfer: definitely.

Matthias Kupfer: I don't have any impression how much time the mentor have to invest, can a mentor give me a rough idea?

Daniel Reimer: Mark Jansen ping.

Daniel Reimer: Thomas Faber: one hand: ping.

<Thomas Faber> It highly depends on the student, at the very least it's a weekly check-in and answering any questions about development specifics.

Mark Jansen: huh.

Thomas Faber: Often it's most productive if you talk to the student almost daily, so it can be a relatively significant amount of time.

Mark Jansen: I was gonna say that this is hard to estimate, depends on the student.

Colin Finck: In my opinion, the past foundation activities have been elaborated in all detail through the Annual Reports and our monthly project meetings. Maybe let's talk a bit more about the plans for the future to really move on from this agenda point.

Matthias Kupfer: avg. 3 hours per week - just for an impression?

Matthias Kupfer: Colin: when was deadline?

Colin Finck: CLT 2019 - Daniel Reimer wants to sign us up, Matthias Kupfer will be involved in the organization again, so this is a pretty safe bet I guess.

Matthias Kupfer: Well, I'm in my opinion, the past foundation activities have been elaborated in all detail through the Annual Reports and our monthly project meetings. Maybe let's talk a bit more about the plans for the future to really move on from this agenda point.

Mark Jansen: but in general, students will also find help in #reactos-dev

Matthias Kupfer: Pierre Schweitzer: I think we can skip the year 2018, which is almost over.

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Pierre Schweitzer: Thanks Colin Finck.


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Pierre Schweitzer: Thanks :)..

Colin Finck: Are there any other events we should attend in 2019?

Pierre Schweitzer: For CLT we should consider a presentation after all this years.

Colin Finck: I recall that we once suddenly had too many people for the stand, but I thought we just paid the extra amount for an additional person and that was it.

Pierre Schweitzer has joined in.

Pierre Schweitzer: had joined in assembly with voice status.

Pierre Schweitzer: Evening, sorry for being late.

Colin Finck: Yay!

Daniel Reimer: Yeah, problem was that one guy came by to help and had nothing to do the whole day in the end.


Pierre Schweitzer: We shifted the agenda around a bit to let you vote on everything on your own :)

Matthias Kupfer: I had to lead a doodle to get a proper overview and everyone is directly asked for an opinion.

Pierre Schweitzer: Thanks Colin Finck.

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Pierre Schweitzer: Thanks :).

Colin Finck: Are there any other events we should attend in 2019?

Matthias Kupfer: so after CLT, a hackfest again in 2019 as Colin mentioned.

Colin Finck: We had a booth at FOSDEM in 2017, but that only happened because it was so close to the Hackfest in Köln.

Colin Finck: If we continue to have our Hackfests in August each year, we will hardly be able to attend FOSDEM.

Colin Finck: but the productivity during the Hackfest really outweighs attending another event :)..

Colin Finck: And we would have to celebrate my bday @ hackfest... :P.

Pierre Schweitzer: For the record, I'll try to attend the Open Source Summit next year, at Paris.

Matthias Kupfer: Are there other major events worth attending?

Pierre Schweitzer: And perhaps again the RMLL, I've always had good attendees.

Colin Finck: Pierre Schweitzer: Cool! with a booth? Do you need support?

Colin Finck: Paris is just 2 hours from here.

Pierre Schweitzer: No both, just talks :P.

Pierre Schweitzer: "booth"

Pierre Schweitzer: Hmm, actually, the OS can have stands, IIRC.

Colin Finck: Colin Finck: I see.

Pierre Schweitzer: Would deserve a look, that's a major event.

Matthias Kupfer: Colin Finck: once more for the record, if we are going to make any DVD or CD for any of the event I strongly recommend to press them professionally.

Pierre Schweitzer: Industry oriented, so it can be quite difficult to get in, but could bring nice benefits.

Matthias Kupfer: the prices have been dropped over the last few years and it looks more professional.

Colin Finck: Matthias Kupfer: Why? Daniel Reimer has a professional CD burning machine now :)

Daniel Reimer: I do, but the printer is really really bad.

Colin Finck: Colin Finck: oh, I see.

Daniel Reimer: Or the color plastic thing is too old.

Daniel Reimer: plastic

Colin Finck: anyway, I'm more afraid nobody has a CD drive anymore these days

Colin Finck: been looking at the prices of USB drives for quite a while, but they're still rather expensive just to give them away for free.

Daniel Reimer: Yeah, USB sticks and being able too boot off it needs more attention I guess.

Matthias Kupfer: Matthias Kupfer: okay, so nowhere my suggestion

Colin Finck: however, we should consider this at least as soon as ReactOS is usable for a specific business case.

Pierre Schweitzer: yup.

Daniel Reimer: CDs pressed would be great and I fully support it as long as we have no 100% working USB yet.

Colin Finck: Pierre Schweitzer: For the record, when is the Open Source Summit Paris in 2019?

Daniel Reimer: #1 fix the printer.

Matthias Kupfer: My point was, we should give our merchendize a professional look, as long as we can afford this now.

Matthias Kupfer: Colin Finck: should we proceed with the next point?

Colin Finck: Colin Finck: let's get our calendar for next year together first.

Daniel Reimer: Professional looking is what we lack a bit regarding the free media, right...

Pierre Schweitzer: End of the year Colin Finck.

Pierre Schweitzer: Generally, mid december.

Pierre Schweitzer: (For 2018, it's missed.)
Colin_Finck: Hackfest probably around August 2019 again

Pierre_Schweitzer: RML is July 2019

Colin_Finck: And Open Source Summit Paris in Mid-December 2019

Pierre_Schweitzer: (most of the Time)

Colin_Finck: Regarding the Hackfest:

Colin_Finck: I already asked during the last monthly meeting of ReactOS, however I should bring it up here as well:

Matthias_Kupfer: For CLT and Hackfest we should start a doodle to collect the information about the attendees

Matthias_Kupfer: For planning purpose

Colin_Finck: As our Hackfests are so productive every time, I was thinking about having more than one Hackfest each year

Colin_Finck: What do you think about that?

Daniel_Reimer: yeah. Doodle is a good idea

Colin_Finck: Right now, it’s a one-week event each year

Matthias_Kupfer: It’s a matter of time and money

Daniel_Reimer: well, if you can find enough ppl having enough free time... sure

Colin_Finck: I think we shouldn’t shorten the duration of a single Hackfest

Pierre_Schweitzer: The answer you got was rather interesting: one officially organized by e.V., and support to a second one organized by a local group of person.

Matthias_Kupfer: As long as the docs need to travel and to use their holidays, we have to think seriously about that

Colin_Finck: This is why it’s more a question to the individual persons

Matthias_Kupfer: Pierre_Schweitzer: what a good idea, we can support the local hackfests with money if necessary

Colin_Finck: If we can get a room at IN-Berlin e.V. for free, it’s not a matter of money for ReactOS Deutschland e.V. at all

Matthias_Kupfer: Colin I think we should continue with one central per year and maybe consider additional local ones

Colin_Finck: Frankly asked, who of you could or could not take enough holidays for two one-week ReactOS Hackfests each year?

Matthias_Kupfer: I can’t

Mark_Jansen: I yes, 2 would be tight

Thomas_Faber: I won’t have time to really attend even one next year. Though if it’s in Berlin I might visit

Colin_Finck: okay, I see

Daniel_Reimer: holidays is tricky here.

Colin_Finck: think I got an impression now

Colin_Finck: so we will continue to have one official Hackfest organized and sponsored by ReactOS Deutschland e.V.

Colin_Finck: and if people organize local hackfests, ReactOS Deutschland e.V. may sponsor them

Colin_Finck: I think we have enough plans for 2019 then

Mark_Jansen: but without people know that, they will not ask for sponsoring?

Colin_Finck: and in my opinion, we can move on with the agenda

Matthias_Kupfer: So all present members excluding the board members themselves are asked for that, please Colin setup the Vote

VoteBot: Colin_Finck has set up a vote and I'm asking all participating members in private messages now.

VoteBot: excluded from voting:

VoteBot: Colin_Finck

VoteBot: Daniel_Reimer

VoteBot: Matthias_Kupfer

VoteBot: The vote is over. Here are the results!

VoteBot: Question: Do you agree with discharging the responsibilities of the Board? (in German: "Sprechen Sie dem Vorstand Entlastung aus?")

VoteBot: Answers:

No - 0 votes

Yes - 4 votes

Abstention - 0 votes

Total number of votes: 4

Colin_Finck: Thank you very much! :)

Matthias_Kupfer: Okay, thanks for your trust

Matthias_Kupfer: You can straight move on to the more tricky point 3

Matthias_Kupfer: Discussion for the election of the board for the next election period

Colin_Finck: May I present my view on that?

Matthias_Kupfer: Yes, you can start I would continue afterwards

Colin_Finck: Currently, we have 3 Board members, all doing that in their free time with no financial compensation. However, the project, the foundation activities, and our financial possibilities have all grown over the recent years

Colin_Finck: Therefore, I would be glad if we could get more members on the Board

Colin_Finck: gladly, Pierre_Schweitzer volunteered to do that and I would really like to see him on the Board, given his excellent handling of the ReactJS case back in 2017

Daniel_Reimer: No objections here.

Colin_Finck: can I add my point now?

Colin_Finck: apart from managing the finances of the foundation, I’m also managing the server infrastructure of ReactOS Deutschland e.V. (website, foundation management software)

Colin_Finck: as Pierre is also an infra guy, with whom I already work successfully on the general ReactOS Infra, I’m sure he could also help with the ReactOS Deutschland e.V. infrastructure if he was elected to the Board

Colin_Finck: them basically had 5 duties (representative for Germany and German authorities, representative for international, event manager, financial manager, infrastructure) split on 4 Board members

Colin_Finck: provided that the entire current Board and Pierre run and get elected

Matthias_Kupfer: that would be what I hope for :

Matthias_Kupfer: So, I have to add something for myself

Matthias_Kupfer: and foundations of comparable Open-Source projects, like openSUSE, have even more Board members

Matthias_Kupfer: now you have the word

Matthias_Kupfer: As you already may have noticed I’m not deeply involved in any activities in the past due to my time constraints.

Matthias_Kupfer: I try to respond as quick as possible if there comes something to my attention, but as I already told to Colin

Matthias_Kupfer: I’m not comfortable with the president role as long as I don’t do enough for the Foundation

Matthias_Kupfer: Basically I was going to step back in the second row, but on the other hand I might of help for some legal issues and for the authorities

Colin_Finck: The problem I see is that the president of ReactOS Deutschland e.V. always needs to be a German speaker living in Germany, because he will be the first person contacted by the authorities.

Colin_Finck: So, if you are all aware of my constraints and “insist” that I should continue, I would be available as wished

Daniel_Reimer: well... you do/did way more than the vice president did that year. I can only speak for me, but I had no problems with your limited presence due to less spare time. If your help was needed, you were available

Matthias_Kupfer: But for the sake of fairness you should be warned properly

Pierre_Schweitzer: I believe we all know that is a voluntary based work, along with another “real” work work, we cannot expect you to be 100% dedicated to the task

Matthias_Kupfer: I just would like to inform you in the most honest way

Colin_Finck: With you having done that well in the past and having such experience with German authorities due to your job, I would
Colin_Finck has set up a vote and I'm asking all participating members in private messages now.

Colin_Finck: ok, I take it that we want to extend the Board to 4 people and we have 4 people running.

Colin_Finck: one for changing the articles of association to extend the Board to 4 people

Colin_Finck: and a vote on each person of the Board

Colin_Finck: ugh, 5 votes in total actually.

Colin_Finck: ok, then. round 1 ^^

Matthias_Kupfer: Colin_Finck: moment please

Colin_Finck: ok, I'll wait.

Matthias_Kupfer: Are there any more candidates around and if not any opinions?

Matthias_Kupfer: Can anyone of the non-board members give a short statement, so that we can start the votes?

Mark_Jansen: Thanks for the elaboration of your current position Matthias_Kupfer, but I don’t see that as a problem in a non-profit org like this.

Mark_Jansen: so I think that we would be happy with what has just been proposed for all the 3 current + 1 possibly new member of the board.

Colin_Finck: well, just a point regarding my volunteering: I've the same constraints as Matthias_Kupfer or Daniel_Reimer; I don’t have plenty of time, but want to be able to help when required.

Matthias_Kupfer: okay, I didn’t make my point, anyway, let’s start with the votes and be prepared for surprises.

Colin_Finck: it’s technically your turn

Colin_Finck: working on it

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Matthias_Kupfer: Do you agree with electing Daniel Reimer into the Board? (in German: Stimmen Sie für die Wahl von Daniel Reimer zum Vorstandsmitglied?)

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Matthias_Kupfer: We have 4 people who want to run for the Board.

Matthias_Kupfer: Let’s hope we still have 4 people.

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Matthias_Kupfer: Colin_Finck: we could have 2 Vice Presidents actually

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Matthias_Kupfer: Colin_Finck: just for your information, if we extend the board, we need to do all steps including notarial acts for Pierre.
<Colin_Finck> General Assembly? Nope, we're only doing the legally required minimum :P

<Matthias_Kupfer> When should we plan the next general assembly?

<Colin_Finck> and when we met the Wine guys at FOSDEM some years ago

<Colin_Finck> anyway, I'm speaking from the position of the nice meet-up I had with Stefan Dösinger at Google Summer of Code Mentor Summit

<Pierre_Schweitzer> True

<Colin_Finck> I don't think AJ's answer was too much about ReactOS. It could have been any project they don't know in detail

<Matthias_Kupfer> So of there ar no further wuestions, suggestions, information, I think that's it for today

<Pierre_Schweitzer> I'm OK with this

<Colin_Finck> Pierre_Schweitzer: well, I rather think they want people to look at documentation in general and not other source

<Mark_Jansen> considering they discourage people looking at reactos

<Mark_Jansen> yeah

<Pierre_Schweitzer> And even with our partner projects such as Wine, it's rather complex

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<Matthias_Kupfer> Does anyone need a compensation, for the board member stuff, do we need to think about that?

<Colin_Finck> ok, I will, in February

<Colin_Finck> But, normally, you have :p

<Pierre_Schweitzer> Still Paris, if that's the address you have :-)~

<Colin_Finck> Matthias_Kupfer: I in, February

<Colin_Finck> Pierre_Schweitzer: Yes, I have that address

<Colin_Finck> Matthias_Kupfer: Colin Finck: inside Germany?

<Colin_Finck> Pierre_Schweitzer: Matthias_Kupfer: ok, you hopefully forgive me one last question.

<Colin_Finck> So it's great timing that we need to send changes to the German authorities anyway

<Thomas_Faber> I do have a new address. I think I mentioned this to Colin but didn't send him the new one yet. Who do I PM it to?

<Colin_Finck> Thomas_Faber: PM to me please

<Thomas_Faber> xx

<Colin_Finck> Matthias_Kupfer: sure, go ahead

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<Mark_Jansen> seems fair. Indeed

<Daniel_Reimer> too me

<Colin_Finck> I don't ask for myself, but I noticed in other foundations and volunteer driven organisations that they have rules

<Matthias_Kupfer> well, I do never think about it and don't need it that for sure. But if anyone considers it, I have no problem with that

<Colin_Finck> I only ask for compensation when I move somewhere for ROS :p

<Colin_Finck> I wouldn't be opposed to that for other Board members, provided that it aligns with our Articles of Association. Don't need it myself right now

<Matthias_Kupfer> we do not need to concern ourselves with time-consuming tasks at the moment.

<Matthias_Kupfer> I'm fine with that, I'm just asking if there are time consuming tasks coming up, it's very limited per year

<Colin_Finck> I think we can skip the discussion of further development plans as long as it's part of the monthly status meeting

<Colin_Finck> I managed to automate the most time-consuming task, namely importing PayPal donations, with code and even

<Matthias_Kupfer> I agree

<Colin_Finck> ok

<Pierre_Schweitzer> Agreed

<Daniel_Reimer> I agree

<Colin_Finck> Colin Finck has set up a vote and I'm asking all participating members in private messages now.

<Colin_Finck> The vote is over. Here are the results!

<Colin_Finck> Question: Do you agree with electing Pierre Schweitzer into the Board? (in German: Stimmen Sie für die Wahl von Pierre Schweitzer zum Vorstandsmitglied?)

<Colin_Finck> Answers:

<Colin_Finck> Abstention - 0 votes

<Colin_Finck> Yes - 7 votes

<Colin_Finck> Total number of votes: 7

<Colin_Finck> Thank you very much!

<Colin_Finck> Voting is over :)
Is there an advantage to doing it twice a year?

no, no :-P

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everything here is logged and will become part of the official meeting minutes sent to the authorities

should non-board members also be there?

don’t think so :P

Think it was board only.

ok
Annual Report 2017

As stipulated in the Articles of Association of ReactOS Deutschland e.V., the Annual Report gives an overview of the work of the Association in the year 2017. It is separated into Activities, Outlook and Finances. The primary purpose of the Association lies in the support of the ReactOS Project. In 2017, the main tasks were:

- Organizing the ReactOS Hackfest 2017
- Organizing the participation in Google Summer of Code
- Presenting the project on popular exhibitions/events
- Awarding scholarships to eligible students working on ReactOS

Activities

The following annual activities, which directly contribute to the Association’s purpose, are not presented in detail. These were in particular:

- Continued development on the operating system ReactOS and related components (like RosBE), also by non-members
- Receiving donations and managing the collected funds
- Accounting and managing the members

By returning to a 3-month release schedule, the ReactOS Project had four releases this year. This led to an overall increase in donations and enhanced financial possibilities throughout the entire year.

The donation money was primarily used to continue financing the two scholarships that were awarded in the end of 2016. While one of them could only be continued until the end of February, the other student fulfilled the requirements throughout the entire year. Due to a lack of applications, no further scholarships have been awarded in 2017.

Members of the ReactOS Project again presented the project at popular Open-Source exhibitions in 2017, such as the FOSDEM in Brussels in February and the Chemnitzer Linux-Tage in Chemnitz in March. Just like last year, ReactOS Deutschland e.V. supported this by providing merchandising material and covering the travelling expenses.

With the support of ReactOS Deutschland e.V., the ReactOS Project also participated in Google Summer of Code again this year. Like in 2016, the project selected 4 students to work on specific ReactOS tasks between May and September and was awarded the sum of $4700 for successfully mentoring these people. The involved students were also
financially rewarded by Google and one of them stayed with the project and became a ReactOS team member after completing the program.

Based on the positive experience from 2015, Board member Colin Finck again organized a ReactOS Hackfest in Germany in 2017. It took place in Cologne from 14th to 18th August. Afterwards, several project members stayed for the weekend and presented the ReactOS Project at the FrOSCon event in Bonn. As the number of participants was roughly predictable this time, it was decided to book a loft in Cologne that is suitable both as a coworking space for the Hackfest and for accommodating all participants. It was also decided to let ReactOS Deutschland e.V. cover the travel expenses of some project members, who could not afford visiting the Hackfest otherwise. Both actions resulted in a large attendance and another successful ReactOS Hackfest.

Due to a switch of the server hosting provider, a final invoice of the old provider, and the upgrade of several existing servers between January and April, infrastructure costs were significantly higher in 2017 compared to previous years. However, this is a one-off exception and the expenses for infrastructure already returned to a constant monthly rate by the end of April.

**Outlook**

ReactOS Deutschland e.V. seeks to continue its support of the ReactOS Project in 2018 by collecting donations and using that money to finance scholarships, the participation at popular Open-Source events, as well as the infrastructure to run a complex project like ReactOS. Based on the success of 2017 and the less required efforts to organize a Hackfest compared to 2015, the Association also plans to organize another ReactOS Hackfest in 2018.
## Finances

### Incomes

Donations: 16,151.36 €  
Google Summer of Code Student Mentoring: 3,872.59 €  
Membership fees: 600.00 €

### Expenses

Scholarships: 8,576.00 €  
Infrastructure costs (Servers): 4,555.41 €  
Hackfest Loft in Cologne: 2,492.00 €  
Travel expenses: 1,318.22 €  
Shipping costs: 109.73 €  
Advertising costs: 106.29 €  
Infrastructure costs (Domains): 32.32 €

### Totals

Total incomes: 20,623.95 €  
Total expenses: 17,189.97 €  
Reserves from 2016: 33,192.02 €  
Balance on 2017-12-31: 36,626.00 €

Matthias Kupfer (President of the Board)  
Daniel Reimer (Vice President)  
Colin Finck (Board Member/Treasurer)