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

Automatically created IRC Log of the General Assembly

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

[18:13] LogBot has joined #generalassembly with voice status
[18:13] VoteBot has joined #generalassembly with voice status
[18:14] Colin_Finck has joined #generalassembly with voice status
[18:28] Daniel_Reimer has joined #generalassembly with voice status
[18:28] <Daniel_Reimer> High
[18:28] <Colin_Finck> Hi Daniel!
[18:29] <Daniel_Reimer> Noch nicht viel los. Hat wer abgesagt?
[18:31] <Colin_Finck> Nein, die Passwort-Mails gingen aber auch erst vor 15 Minuten raus. Pierre ist sich noch nicht sicher, ob er es rechtzeitig schafft, hat mir für diesen Fall sein Stimmrecht übertragen.
[18:32] Mark_Jansen has joined #generalassembly with voice status
[18:32] <Colin_Finck> Hi Mark!
[18:32] <Mark_Jansen> hi
[18:32] <Mark_Jansen> brb
[18:32] <Mark_Jansen> already idling here
[18:37] Amine_Khaldi has joined #generalassembly with voice status
[18:38] <Amine_Khaldi> Hi everyone!
[18:38] <Mark_Jansen> hello!
[18:38] Thomas_Faber has joined #generalassembly with voice status
[18:45] Matthias_Kupfer has joined #generalassembly with voice status
[18:46] <Matthias_Kupfer> Hello all
[18:46] <Daniel_Reimer> hi
[18:48] <Matthias_Kupfer> Colin have you recently heard anything from Christoph?
[18:51] <Colin_Finck> Matthias_Kupfer: I met him at Hackfest in August
[18:52] <Colin_Finck> so I'm kinda up to date about his personal situation, but that's it basically
[18:56] <Daniel_Reimer> So, Food ordered. I'm ready to rrrrumble
[19:00] <Matthias_Kupfer> So, I think we can start
[19:00] <Mark_Jansen> si
[19:00] <Matthias_Kupfer> Let me welcome you to our annual general assembly 2018
[19:01] <Matthias_Kupfer> You have all received an agenda or today, it's almost "same procedure as every year"
[19:01] <Matthias_Kupfer> but we have to elect a new board today
[19:02] <Matthias_Kupfer> Are there any remarks at this point otherwise I would like to start with the first point, which is the annual report of 2017
[19:02] <Colin_Finck> Matthias_Kupfer: Pierre still tries to make it, but probably won't be here in time
[19:02] <Daniel_Reimer> Not from my side.
[19:03] <Colin_Finck> until then, he asked me to substitute him for votings
[19:03] <Colin_Finck> 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
[19:04] <Matthias_Kupfer> Colin: okay, I read his mail too. Everyone has got the link to the document, are there any questions so far?
[19:05] <Daniel_Reimer> No
[19:05] <Thomas_Faber> No questions here
[19:05] <Mark_Jansen> no
[19:05] <Amine_Khaldi> no questions from me
[19:06] <Matthias_Kupfer> Okay, we can prepone the presentation of the project activities, but i think we should limit the time to - I would say maximum of 30 minutes
[19:07] <Colin_Finck> definitely, we shouldn't idle just for him. Just do whatever helps and doesn't make the situation uncomfortable
[19:07] <Matthias_Kupfer> As usual a year starts with the participation at the Chemnitz Linux-Days, which will grow by the way in 2019
[19:08] <Colin_Finck> Are we registered yet? Is someone taking care?
[19:08] <Daniel_Reimer> Not yet, but yes, I take care
[19:08] <Colin_Finck> perfect!
[19:08] <Daniel_Reimer> Is on my weekend planning list
[19:09] <Daniel_Reimer> Matthias_Kupfer define grow. Another place?
[19:09] <Matthias_Kupfer> Colin can you give a short summary of the Hackfest 2017
[19:09] <Colin_Finck> well, even of 2017 and 2018
[19:09] <Colin_Finck> both have been very successful in my opinion
[19:10] <Matthias_Kupfer> Daniel_Reimer: no, no other place, but maybe rooms in an additional building
[19:10] <Daniel_Reimer> Aaah, thx for clarification
[19:10] <Matthias_Kupfer> It's in discussion, but we have a little bit to consider the sudden end of CeBIT
[19:11] <Colin_Finck> 2017 was our second Hackfest, after the first one in 2015 in Aachen. Due to our positive financial situation, we tried out something new this time and rented a loft that could serve as both a workplace and accommodation for all participants
[19:11] <Matthias_Kupfer> some companies are going to move their plans to another location and if topic fits CLT comes in mind
[19:11] <Colin_Finck> I basically elaborated about the Hackfest 2017 in the Annual Report 2017, which you all read
[19:12] <Matthias_Kupfer> Yes you did, I thought you maybe want to add something
[19:12] <Colin_Finck> This year, we had another Hackfest, but this time in Berlin. The IN-Berlin e.V. could provide us a great room for working for free
[19:13] <Colin_Finck> 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
[19:14] <Colin_Finck> IN-Berlin e.V. is a German non-profit organization, which had already hosted similar events at their location
[19:14] <Matthias_Kupfer> Colin_Finck: How many members/guests attend in 2017 resp. 2018
[19:14] <Matthias_Kupfer> ?
[19:15] <Colin_Finck> Therefore, their location was also technically well-equipped and came with a large kitchen with cheap beverages :)
[19:15] <Colin_Finck> I look forward to have the next Hackfest in Berlin again, if we can get that room again
[19:15] <Daniel_Reimer> (If you plan a hackfest 2019 I need to know asap regarding holidays and b33r shipping preparation ^^)
[19:16] <Mark_Jansen> haha
[19:16] <Mark_Jansen> Also something to consider: The student invited in 2017 is still with the project, as well as the student invited in 2018
[19:17] <Mark_Jansen> (GSoC student)
[19:17] <Colin_Finck> Matthias_Kupfer: 6/2 in 2017, 10 members in 2018
[19:17] <Daniel_Reimer> Great!
[19:17] <Matthias_Kupfer> what means 6/2?
[19:17] <Colin_Finck> 6 members, 2 guests
[19:17] <Matthias_Kupfer> 3?
[19:18] <Matthias_Kupfer> ah, okay, i see
[19:19] <Matthias_Kupfer> As usual we also participate in Google Summer of code in 2017, can anyone give a short overview of that (beside the fact that there were 4 projects)
[19:20] <Matthias_Kupfer> Do we have any mentor around?
[19:20] <Colin_Finck> Amine_Khaldi and me served as org admins and I think Mark_Jansen and Thomas_Faber served as mentors
[19:21] <Thomas_Faber> (I only have one hand free for typing right now so would rather not elaborate.)
[19:22] <Matthias_Kupfer> We had 4 proejcts with 4 students and one of them continued contributing after the and of SoC
[19:22] <Mark_Jansen> Oleksander shaposnikov (hope im typing that right)
[19:22] <Mark_Jansen> He worked on the Rapps application manager, to get it up to shape for the CE
[19:23] <Mark_Jansen> We had one student working on ntfs, building on the work of pierre?
[19:23] <Mark_Jansen> he also joined us this year, enabling experimental write support, but both times shortly after gsoc he went a-wall

[19:24] <Colin_Finck> I think that was rather 2016 and 2017
[19:24] <Mark_Jansen> oh
[19:24] <Mark_Jansen> :/
[19:24] <Colin_Finck> This year, we had Victor Perevertkin as our only GSoC student
[19:24] <Mark_Jansen> right
[19:24] <Matthias_Kupfer> Okay, I was asking just for a brief summary
[19:25] <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
[19:26] <Daniel_Reimer> Well, more is not always better. Only accept what you can mentor. Thats what we did that year
[19:26] <Matthias_Kupfer> Okay, as far as understand, the google SoC gains development, potential devs and money
[19:26] <Colin_Finck> Daniel_Reimer: Yeah, but one of the reasons was also the few and mostly bad quality of the other student applications
[19:27] <Colin_Finck> if we advertise our GSoC participation better, we should get better student applications too
[19:27] <Colin_Finck> Matthias_Kupfer: definitely
[19:27] <Matthias_Kupfer> I don't have any impression how much time the mentor have to invest, can a mentor give me a rough idea?
[19:29] <Daniel_Reimer> Mark_Jansen ping
[19:29] <Daniel_Reimer> Thomas_Faber 's one hand: ping
[19:29] <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.
[19:29] <Mark_Jansen> heh
[19:30] <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
[19:30] <Mark_Jansen> I was gonna say that this is hard to estimate, depends on the student
[19:30] <Colin_Finck> Well, 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
[19:30] <Mark_Jansen> but in general, students will also find help in #reactos-dev
[19:30] <Matthias_Kupfer> avg. 3 hours per week - just for an impression?
[19:31] <Mark_Jansen> i'd say a bit more, if you want to have a hands-on approach like thomas suggested, and check in daily
[19:31] <Matthias_Kupfer> Okay, Colin want's to proceed more quickly - so let's continue with the future planning
[19:31] <Colin_Finck> FOSDEM 2019 - Nobody signed up in time, so we won't have a booth there
[19:32] <Matthias_Kupfer> I think we can skip the year 2018, which is almost over
[19:32] <Matthias_Kupfer> Colin_Finck: when was deadline?
[19:32] <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
[19:32] <Colin_Finck> Matthias_Kupfer: November 2
[19:33] <Mark_Jansen> last year we had a shared booth at fosdem with haiku
[19:33] <Mark_Jansen> did they sign up or contact us?
[19:33] <Colin_Finck> I'm not aware of either
[19:33] <Daniel_Reimer> Should be. Everyone in here. Check your calendars if you have time. Don't wanna fight for ppl again and then invite outsiders not being needed in the end and then being pissed
[19:33] <Colin_Finck> Daniel_Reimer:
 Has that happened?
[19:33] <Daniel_Reimer> This year yes ^^
[19:34] <Matthias_Kupfer> for CLT we should consider a presentation after all this years
[19:34] <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
[19:34] Pierre_Schweitzer has joined #generalassembly with voice status
[19:34] <Pierre_Schweitzer> Evening, sorry for being late.
[19:34] <Colin_Finck> Yay!
[19:34] <Daniel_Reimer> Yeah, problem was that one guy came by to help and had nnothing to do the whole day in the end.
[19:34] <Daniel_Reimer> hi Pierre_Schweitzer
[19:34] <Colin_Finck> Pierre_Schweitzer: We shifted the agenda around a bit to let you vote on everything on your own :)
[19:35] <Matthias_Kupfer> Daniel_Reimer: maybe you should start a doodle to get a proper overview and everyone is directly asked for a opinion
[19:35] <Pierre_Schweitzer> Thanks Colin_Finck
[19:35] <Daniel_Reimer> Matthias_Kupfer sounds like a plan. Noted
[19:35] <Matthias_Kupfer> Pierre_Schweitzer: we reordered the agenda, so no voes has started yet
[19:35] <Matthias_Kupfer> *votes have
[19:36] <Pierre_Schweitzer> Thanks :-)
[19:36] <Colin_Finck> Are there any other events we should attend in 2019?
[19:36] <Matthias_Kupfer> so after clt, a hackfest again in 2019 as Colin mentioned
[19:36] <Colin_Finck> We had a booth at FrOSCon in 2017, but that only happened because it was so close to the Hackfest in Köln
[19:37] <Colin_Finck> If we continue to have our Hackfests in August each year, we will hardly be able to attend FrOSCon
[19:37] <Colin_Finck> but the productivity during the Hackfest really outweighs attending another event :)
[19:38] <Daniel_Reimer> And we would have to celebrate my bday @ hackfest. :P
[19:38] <Pierre_Schweitzer> For the record, I'll try to attend the Open Source Summit next year, at Paris
[19:38] <Matthias_Kupfer> Are there other major events worth attending?
[19:38] <Pierre_Schweitzer> And perhaps again the RMLL, I've always had good attendees
[19:38] <Colin_Finck> Pierre_Schweitzer: Cool! With a booth? Do you need support?
[19:38] <Colin_Finck> Paris is just 2 hours from here
[19:39] <Pierre_Schweitzer> No both, just talks :-P
[19:39] <Pierre_Schweitzer> *booth
[19:39] <Pierre_Schweitzer> hum, actually, the OOS can have stands, IIRC
[19:39] <Colin_Finck> I see
[19:39] <Pierre_Schweitzer> Would deserve a look, that's a major event
[19:39] <Matthias_Kupfer> once more for the record, if we are going to make any DVD or CD for any of the event I strongliy recommend to press them professionally
[19:39] <Pierre_Schweitzer> industry oriented, so it can be quite difficult to get in, but could bring nice benefits
[19:40] <Matthias_Kupfer> the prices have been dropped over the last few years and it looks more professional
[19:40] <Colin_Finck> Matthias_Kupfer: Why? Daniel_Reimer has a professional CD burning machine now :)
[19:40] <Daniel_Reimer> I do, but the printer is really REALLY bad
[19:40] <Colin_Finck> oh, I see
[19:41] <Daniel_Reimer> Or the color plastiv thingie is too old
[19:41] <Daniel_Reimer> plastic
[19:41] <Colin_Finck> anyway, I'm more afraid nobody has a CD drive anymore these days
[19:41] <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
[19:41] <Daniel_Reimer> Yeah, USB sticks and being able too boot off it needs more attention I guess
[19:41] <Matthias_Kupfer> okay, so nevermind my suggestion
[19:42] <Colin_Finck> however, we should consider this at least as soon as ReactOS is usable for a specific business case
[19:42] <Pierre_Schweitzer> yup
[19:42] <Daniel_Reimer> CDs pressed would be great and I fully support it as long as we have no 100% working USB yet
[19:42] <Colin_Finck> Pierre_Schweitzer: For the record, when is the Open Source Summit Paris in 2019?
[19:42] <Daniel_Reimer> or i fix the printer
[19:43] <Matthias_Kupfer> My point was, we should give our merchendize a professional look, as long as we can afford this now
[19:43] <Matthias_Kupfer> Should we proceed with the next point?
[19:44] <Colin_Finck> Let's get our calendar for next year together first
[19:44] <Daniel_Reimer> Professional looking is what we lack a bit regaring the free media, right...
[19:44] <Pierre_Schweitzer> End of the year Colin_Finck
[19:44] <Pierre_Schweitzer> Generally, mid december
[19:44] <Pierre_Schweitzer> (for 2018, it's missed)
[19:44] <Colin_Finck> so Chemnitzer Linux-Tage on March 16/17, 2019

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[19:44] <Colin_Finck> Hackfest probably around August 2019 again
[19:44] <Pierre_Schweitzer> RMLL is July 2019
[19:44] <Colin_Finck> And Open Source Summit Paris in Mid-December 2019
[19:45] <Pierre_Schweitzer> (most of the time)
[19:45] <Colin_Finck> Regarding the Hackfest:
[19:45] <Colin_Finck> I already asked during the last monthly meeting of ReactOS, however I should bring it up here as well:
[19:45] <Matthias_Kupfer> For CLT and Hackfest we should start a doodle to collect the information about the attendees
[19:46] <Matthias_Kupfer> For planning purpose
[19:46] <Colin_Finck> As our Hackfests are so productive every time, I was thinking about having more than one Hackfest each year
[19:46] <Colin_Finck> What do you think about that?
[19:46] <Daniel_Reimer> yeah. Doodle is a good idea
[19:46] <Colin_Finck> Right now, it's a one-week event each year
[19:46] <Matthias_Kupfer> It's a matter of time and money
[19:46] <Daniel_Reimer> Well, if you can find enough ppl having enough free time... sure
[19:46] <Colin_Finck> I think we shouldn't shorten the duration of a single Hackfest
[19:46] <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
[19:47] <Matthias_Kupfer> As long as the most devs need to travel and to use their holidays, we have to think cerfually about that
[19:48] <Colin_Finck> This is why it's more a question to the individual persons
[19:48] <Matthias_Kupfer> Pierre_Schweitzer: thtas a good idea, we can support the local hackfests with money if necessary
[19:48] <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
[19:49] <Matthias_Kupfer> Colin I think we should continue with one central per year and maybe consider additional local ones
[19:49] <Colin_Finck> frankly asked, who of you could or could not take enough holidays for two one-week ReactOS Hackfests each year?
[19:50] <Matthias_Kupfer> I can't
[19:50] <Mark_Jansen> 1 yes, 2 would be tight
[19:50] <Thomas_Faber> I won't have time to really attend even one next year. Though if it's in Berlin I might visit
[19:51] <Colin_Finck> okay, I see
[19:51] <Daniel_Reimer> holidays is tricky here.
[19:51] <Colin_Finck> think I got an impression now
[19:51] <Colin_Finck> so we will continue to have one official Hackfest organized and sponsored by ReactOS Deutschland e.V.
[19:51] <Colin_Finck> and if people organize local Hackfests, ReactOS Deutschland e.V. may sponsor them
[19:51] <Colin_Finck> I think we have enough plans for 2019 then
[19:51] <Mark_Jansen> but without people know that, they will not ask for sponsoring?
[19:51] <Colin_Finck> and in my opinion, we can move on with the agenda
[19:52] <Pierre_Schweitzer> [20:51:55] <Mark_Jansen> but without people know that, they will not ask for sponsoring? <== this is something that
can be announced in meeting
[19:52] <Pierre_Schweitzer> (monthly meeting)
[19:52] <Mark_Jansen> allright
[19:52] <Colin_Finck> And on ros-dev
[19:52] <Pierre_Schweitzer> We wouldn't sponsor a random unknown guy anyway ;-p
[19:52] <Daniel_Reimer> and we can tell them when they announce it
[19:53] <Colin_Finck> Matthias_Kupfer: Wanna continue with point 2 of the original agenda now?
[19:53] <Matthias_Kupfer> okay, let's continue with point 2 of the agenda (the only easy one ;-))
[19:54] <Matthias_Kupfer> The board needs to be discharged of the responsibilities
[19:54] <Matthias_Kupfer> So all present members excluding the board members themselves are asked for that, please Colin setup the Vote
[19:55] <VoteBot> Colin_Finck has set up a vote and I'm asking all participating members in private messages now.
[19:55] <VoteBot> Excluded from voting:
[19:55] <VoteBot>     Colin_Finck
[19:55] <VoteBot>     Daniel_Reimer
[19:55] <VoteBot>     Matthias_Kupfer
[19:56] <VoteBot> The vote is over. Here are the results!
[19:56] <VoteBot> Question: Do you agree with discharging the responsibilities of the Board? (in German: "Sprechen Sie dem Vorstand Entlastung
aus?")
[19:56] <VoteBot> Answers:
[19:56] <VoteBot>     Abstention - 0 votes
[19:56] <VoteBot>     Yes - 4 votes
[19:56] <VoteBot>     No - 0 votes
[19:56] <VoteBot> Total number of votes: 4
[19:56] <Colin_Finck> Thank you very much! :)
[19:56] <Daniel_Reimer> thx ^^
[19:56] <Matthias_Kupfer> Okay, thanks for you trust
[19:57] <Matthias_Kupfer> Yo we can straight move on to the more tricky point 3
[19:57] <Matthias_Kupfer> Discussion for the election of the board for the next election period
[19:58] <Colin_Finck> May I present my view on that?
[19:58] <Matthias_Kupfer> Yes, you can start I would continue afterwards
[19:59] <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
[20:00] <Colin_Finck> Therefore, I would be glad if we could get more members on the Board
[20:00] <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
[20:01] <Daniel_Reimer> No objections here.
[20:01] <Matthias_Kupfer> Colin_Finck: can I add my point now?
[20:01] <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)
[20:02] <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
[20:04] <Colin_Finck> then we basically had 5 duties (representative for Germany and German authorities, representative for international, event
manager, financial manager, infrastructure) split on 4 Board members
[20:04] <Colin_Finck> provided that the entire current Board and Pierre run and get elected
[20:04] <Colin_Finck> that would be what I hope for :)
[20:05] <Matthias_Kupfer> So, I have to add something for myself
[20:05] <Colin_Finck> and foundations of comparable Open-Source projects, like openSUSE, have even more Board members
[20:05] <Colin_Finck> Matthias_Kupfer: now you have the word
[20:05] <Matthias_Kupfer> As oyu already may have noticed I'm not deeply involved in any activities in the past due to my time constraints.
[20:06] <Matthias_Kupfer> I try to respond as quick as possible if there comes someting to my attention, but as I already told to Colin
[20:07] <Matthias_Kupfer> I'm not comfortable with the president role as long as I don't do enough for the foundation
[20:08] <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
[20:09] <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
[20:09] <Matthias_Kupfer> So, if you are all aware of my constraints and "insist" that I should continue, I would be available as wished
[20:10] <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
[20:10] <Matthias_Kupfer> But for the sake of fairness you should be warned properly
[20:10] <Pierre_Schweitzer> I believe we all know that is a voluuntary based work, along with another "real" world work, we cannot expect you to
be 100% dedicated to the task
[20:10] <Matthias_Kupfer> I just would like to inform you in the most honest way
[20:10] <Colin_Finck> With you having done that well in the past and having much experience with German authorities due to your job, I would
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really like to see you running for that position again, despite the time constraints
[20:11] <Mark_Jansen> +1
[20:11] <Daniel_Reimer> +2
[20:11] <Matthias_Kupfer> okay, so you have been warned ;-)
[20:11] <Colin_Finck> unless there is something I'm totally missing. I would also be more comfortable if we had no constraints regarding the language knowledge of a certain Board member position, but that's how a German e.V. is
[20:11] <Daniel_Reimer> yeah ^^
[20:12] <Daniel_Reimer> So members of the board need to be able to speak german?
[20:12] <Matthias_Kupfer> Daniel what's your position, are your running for your current or another position as well?
[20:12] <Colin_Finck> Daniel_Reimer: at least the president, who is contacted by German authorities
[20:13] <Matthias_Kupfer> Daniel_Reimer: no, I think the president should (due to the contact with authorities and the legal stuff in general)
[20:13] <Daniel_Reimer> I was some kind of vice president. I have the same non comfortable problems as you do Matthias_Kupfer.
[20:13] <Daniel_Reimer> Ah I see
[20:14] <Colin_Finck> ok, I take it that we want to extend the Board to 4 people and we have 4 people running
[20:14] <Colin_Finck> that would require two votes
[20:14] <Colin_Finck> one for changing the articles of association to extend the Board to 4 people
[20:14] <Colin_Finck> and a vote on each person of the Board
[20:14] <Colin_Finck> ugh, 5 votes in total actually :D
[20:15] <Daniel_Reimer> OK, then.. round 1 ^^
[20:15] <Matthias_Kupfer> Colin_Finck: moment please
[20:15] <Colin_Finck> ok, I'll wait
[20:15] <Matthias_Kupfer> Are there any more candidates around and if not any opinions?
[20:16] <Matthias_Kupfer> Can anyone of the non-board members give a short statement, so that we can start the votes?
[20:17] <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
[20:18] <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
[20:18] <Pierre_Schweitzer> 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
[20:18] <Daniel_Reimer> More ppl with less time makes things par again.
[20:18] <Matthias_Kupfer> okay, I didn't make my point, anyway, let's start with the votes and be prepared for surprises
[20:19] <Matthias_Kupfer> Colin_Finck: it's technically your turn
[20:19] <Colin_Finck> working on it
[20:19] <VoteBot> Colin_Finck has set up a vote and I'm asking all participating members in private messages now.
[20:21] <VoteBot> The vote is over. Here are the results!
[20:21] <VoteBot> Question: Do you agree with extending the Board to four persons and changing §7.1 of the Articles of Association accordingly? (in German: Stimmen Sie der Änderung von §7.1 der Satzung von "drei Personen" auf "vier Personen" zu?)
[20:21] <VoteBot> Answers:
[20:21] <VoteBot>   Abstention - 0 votes
[20:21] <VoteBot>   Yes - 7 votes
[20:21] <VoteBot>   No - 0 votes
[20:21] <VoteBot> Total number of votes: 7
[20:21] <Colin_Finck> Now that was successful!
[20:21] <Colin_Finck> Let's now hope we still have 4 people who want to run for the Board :)
[20:22] <Daniel_Reimer> We will see ^^
[20:22] <Matthias_Kupfer> Okay, thx, Colin_Finck: do we need a role name for the 4th position?
[20:23] <Colin_Finck> ah yeah, I forgot about the role names in §7.2 of the Articles of Association
[20:23] <Colin_Finck> we could have two Vice Presidents actually
[20:24] <Colin_Finck> I think that's the easiest and most universal way to do it
[20:24] <Daniel_Reimer> SOunds good
[20:24] <Colin_Finck> you can think about that while I already prepare the vote on it
[20:24] <Pierre_Schweitzer> well, sounds good, indeed
[20:26] <Matthias_Kupfer> Colin_Finck: just for your information, if we extend the board, we need to do all steps including notarial acts for Pierre
[20:26] <Colin_Finck> I'm fully aware of that :)
[20:26] <Matthias_Kupfer> Okay, so is Pierre?
[20:26] <Pierre_Schweitzer> ok, am I
[20:26] <Pierre_Schweitzer> :-p
[20:27] <VoteBot> Colin_Finck has set up a vote and I'm asking all participating members in private messages now.
[20:27] <Matthias_Kupfer> Be prepared for problems with living adress abroad
[20:28] <Pierre_Schweitzer> At least, my family name sounds local ;-)
[20:28] <Matthias_Kupfer> Pierre_Schweitzer: do you speak a little bit german?
[20:29] <Pierre_Schweitzer> Ich spreche ein bisschen Deutsch :-P
[20:29] <Daniel_Reimer> *sigh* whre is all the 'we are one europe' stuff in that case? ^^ German bureaucracy...
[20:29] <Matthias_Kupfer> okay, I hope it's enough to survive the legal processe in a comfortable manner
[20:29] <Pierre_Schweitzer> meh
[20:29] <Colin_Finck> let's first try it out before talking about problems
[20:30] <Colin_Finck> he may be able to visit a local notary and it's just a matter of sending snail mail back and forth
[20:30] <VoteBot> The vote is over. Here are the results!
[20:30] <VoteBot> Question: Do you agree with changing §7.2 of the Articles of Association from "a Vice-President" to "two Vice Presidents"? (in German: Stimmen Sie der Änderung von §7.2 der Satzung von "einen Stellvertreter" auf "zwei Stellvertreter" zu?)
[20:30] <VoteBot> Answers:
[20:30] <VoteBot>   Abstention - 0 votes
[20:30] <VoteBot>   Yes - 7 votes
[20:30] <VoteBot>   No - 0 votes
[20:30] <VoteBot> Total number of votes: 7
[20:30] <Colin_Finck> okay, so the Article of Association changes are in!
[20:30] <Matthias_Kupfer> okay, thx so far
[20:30] <Colin_Finck> now we finally come to electing actual Board members
[20:31] <Matthias_Kupfer> so all board members run for the same position and Pierre_Schweitzer runs for the second Vice President, correct?
[20:31] <VoteBot> Colin_Finck has set up a vote and I'm asking all participating members in private messages now.
[20:32] <VoteBot> The vote is over. Here are the results!
[20:32] <VoteBot> Question: Do you agree with electing Matthias Kupfer into the Board? (in German: Stimmen Sie für die Wahl von Matthias Kupfer zum Vorstandsmitglied?)
[20:32] <VoteBot> Answers:
[20:32] <VoteBot>   Abstention - 0 votes
[20:32] <VoteBot>   Yes - 7 votes
[20:32] <VoteBot>   No - 0 votes
[20:32] <VoteBot> Total number of votes: 7
[20:33] <Colin_Finck> Matthias_Kupfer: Per the Articles of Association, everyone is running for a Board position and then the Board decides about the position for each Board member
[20:33] <Matthias_Kupfer> okay, sorry
[20:34] <VoteBot> Colin_Finck has set up a vote and I'm asking all participating members in private messages now.
[20:36] <VoteBot> The vote is over. Here are the results!
[20:36] <VoteBot> Question: Do you agree with electing Daniel Reimer into the Board? (in German: Stimmen Sie für die Wahl von Daniel Reimer zum Vorstandsmitglied?)
[20:36] <VoteBot> Answers:
[20:36] <VoteBot>   Abstention - 0 votes
[20:36] <VoteBot>   Yes - 7 votes

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[20:36] <VoteBot>    No - 0 votes
[20:36] <VoteBot> Total number of votes: 7
[20:36] <VoteBot> Colin_Finck has set up a vote and I'm asking all participating members in private messages now.
[20:37] <VoteBot> The vote is over. Here are the
 results!
[20:37] <VoteBot> Question: Do you agree with electing Pierre Schweitzer into the Board? (in German: Stimmen Sie für die Wahl von Pierre
Schweitzer zum Vorstandsmitglied?)
[20:37] <VoteBot> Answers:
[20:37] <VoteBot>    Abstention - 0 votes
[20:37] <VoteBot>    Yes - 7 votes
[20:37] <VoteBot>    No - 0 votes
[20:37] <VoteBot> Total number of votes: 7
[20:37] <VoteBot> Colin_Finck has set up a vote and I'm asking all participating members in private messages now.
[20:38] <VoteBot> The vote is over. Here are the results!
[20:38] <VoteBot> Question: Do you agree with electing Colin Finck into the Board? (in German: Stimmen Sie für die Wahl von Colin Finck zum
Vorstandsmitglied?)
[20:38] <VoteBot> Answers:
[20:38] <VoteBot>    Abstention - 0 votes
[20:38] <VoteBot>    Yes - 7 votes
[20:38] <VoteBot>    No - 0 votes
[20:38] <VoteBot> Total number of votes: 7
[20:38] <Colin_Finck> Thank you very much!
[20:38] <Colin_Finck> Voting is over :)
[20:38] <Matthias_Kupfer> Thank you very much
[20:39] <Colin_Finck> So we successfully got a Board of 4 persons now
[20:39] <Colin_Finck> now let's shortly decide about the positions among the Board members
[20:39] <Daniel_Reimer> thanks from over here too ^^
[20:39] <Matthias_Kupfer> Please be aware, thet the legal issues will take some time (a considerably amount of time)
[20:39] <Colin_Finck> President Matthias Kupfer, Vice President Daniel Reimer, Vice President Pierre Schweitzer, Treasurer Colin Finck
[20:39] <Colin_Finck> Any objections from the Board members?
[20:39] <Daniel_Reimer> Yeap
[20:40] <Colin_Finck> Or do you agree?
[20:40] <Daniel_Reimer> I agree
[20:40] <Pierre_Schweitzer> Agreed
[20:40] <Matthias_Kupfer> No objection
[20:40] <Colin_Finck> ok
[20:40] <Colin_Finck> then that's it and we will send the changes to the authorities
[20:40] <Mark_Jansen> thank you!
[20:41] <Matthias_Kupfer> So after the election, we need to update all addresses, has anyone moved to a new address last year?
[20:41] <Mark_Jansen> no, but I would like my email address updates to my @reactos please :)
[20:41] <Colin_Finck> Mark_Jansen: ok, will be done
[20:41] <Daniel_Reimer> Nope, still lower franconian outback
[20:41] <Pierre_Schweitzer> Still Paris, if that's the address you have :-P
[20:42] <Colin_Finck> Matthias_Kupfer: I will, in February
[20:42] <Pierre_Schweitzer> But, normally, you have :-p
[20:42] <Colin_Finck> Pierre_Schweitzer: Yes, I have that address
[20:42] <Matthias_Kupfer> Colin_Finck: inside Germany?
[20:42] <Colin_Finck> Yes, even inside Aachen
[20:42] <Matthias_Kupfer> okay, you hopefully forgive me one last question.
[20:42] <Colin_Finck> So it's great timing that we need to send changes to the German authorities anyway
[20:42] <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?
[20:42] <Colin_Finck> Thomas_Faber: PM to me please
[20:43] <Thomas_Faber> kk
[20:43] <Colin_Finck> Matthias_Kupfer: sure, go ahead
[20:43] <Matthias_Kupfer> Does anyone need a compensation, for the board member stuff, do we need to think about that?
[20:44] <Thomas_Faber> FWIW, I'm totally in favor of compensating you guys for that work. Please don't hesitate to ask
[20:44] <Mark_Jansen> seems fair indeed
[20:44] <Amine_Khaldi> me too
[20:45] <Matthias_Kupfer> I don't ask for myself, but i noticed in other foundations and volunteer driven organisations that they have rules
[20:45] <Daniel_Reimer> Well, I dis never think about it and don't need it that for sure. But if anyone considers it, I have no problem with that
[20:45] <Daniel_Reimer> *did
[20:45] <Pierre_Schweitzer> I only ask for compensation when I move somewhere for ROS :-p
[20:46] <Daniel_Reimer> :D
[20:46] <Colin_Finck> Matthias_Kupfer: 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
[20:47] <Matthias_Kupfer> okay, so basically members agreed for the possibility and all members waive to any general compensation
[20:48] <Matthias_Kupfer> I'm fine with that, I'm just aksing if there are time consuming tasks coming up, it's very limited per year
[20:48] <Thomas_Faber> Okay, we'll force it on you next time ;)
[20:49] <Daniel_Reimer> ^^
[20:49] <Matthias_Kupfer> I think we can skip the discussion of further development plans as long as it's part of the monthly status meeting
[20:49] <Colin_Finck> Matthias_Kupfer: I managed to automate the most time-consuming task, namely importing PayPal donations, with code and even
blogged about it: https://www.reactos.org/blogs/inside-reactos-deutschland-ev-donations-and-how-automate-them
[20:49] <Matthias_Kupfer> are there any foundation related development plans
[20:50] <Pierre_Schweitzer> Making sure ROS has a good image outside?
[20:50] <Matthias_Kupfer> okay, thanks Colin
[20:50] <Matthias_Kupfer> further points regarding development plans?
[20:51] <Pierre_Schweitzer> (not really development though :-p)
[20:51] <Colin_Finck> getting a free credit card for the foundation. I have an idea to discuss within the Board after this meeting
[20:51] <Daniel_Reimer> Difficult task that is... there are so many *nix fans and M$ bashers out there hijacking our news on it news pages, but
things seem to get better
[20:51] <Pierre_Schweitzer> And even with our partner projects such as Wine, it's rather complex
[20:52] <Mark_Jansen> yeah
[20:52] <Mark_Jansen> considering they discourage people looking at reactos
[20:52] <Pierre_Schweitzer> Reading AJ explaining a public ML that ROS is not a trustable source of information, that's a shame
[20:52] <Colin_Finck> Pierre_Schweitzer: If you meet them personally, they are always nice and friendly
[20:52] <Pierre_Schweitzer> And we should work on this
[20:52] <Matthias_Kupfer> okay, so I also suggest to continue after a the general assmbly with a short board meeting
[20:53] <Pierre_Schweitzer> I'm OK with this
[20:53] <Colin_Finck> Pierre_Schweitzer: well, I rather think they want people to look at documentation in general and not other source
[20:53] <Matthias_Kupfer> So of there anre no further wuestions, suggestions, information, I think that's it for today
[20:53] <Colin_Finck> other source is always a licensing problem, even if it's open source
[20:53] <Pierre_Schweitzer> Not a matter of licencing here :-(
[20:53] <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
[20:53] <Pierre_Schweitzer> True
[20:54] <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
[20:54] <Colin_Finck> and when we met the Wine guys at FOSDEM some years ago
[20:54] <Matthias_Kupfer> When should we plan the next general assembly?
[20:55] <Pierre_Schweitzer> Wasn't the plan to have twice a year?
[20:55] <Colin_Finck> General Assembly? Nope, we're only doing the legally required minimum :P
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[20:55] <Thomas_Faber> Is there an advantage to doing it twice a year?
[20:55] <Pierre_Schweitzer> no, no :-P
[20:56] <Pierre_Schweitzer> I misremember something :-P
[20:56] <Matthias_Kupfer> Due toe the legal changes and the time, I propose December 2019
[20:56] <Colin_Finck> well, this is how it always ends up, even if we try to do it earlier :D
[20:57] <Mark_Jansen> =)
[20:57] <Pierre_Schweitzer> sounds good
[20:57] <Daniel_Reimer> true that :D
[20:57] <Matthias_Kupfer> short before Christmas or, if possible between Xmas and new years eve
[20:57] <Matthias_Kupfer> Colin_Finck: just to make that clear, I set up a doodle early this year but no made an entry
[20:58] <Colin_Finck> I had asked this year to not do it between Christmas and New Year's Eve due to holidays - and I think I will continue to
have holidays around this time (or Chaos Communication Congress :P)
[20:58] <Matthias_Kupfer> *no one
[20:58] <Colin_Finck> Matthias_Kupfer: yeah, but I also didn't have time to work on the Annual Report 2017 until recently. This is always a
blocker
[20:58] <Colin_Finck> but back to your other question, that's why I would opt for shortly before Christmas again
[20:59] <Matthias_Kupfer> okay, so planned before Christmas, maybe we can do that on Saturday, but I will setup a doodle
[20:59] <Pierre_Schweitzer> this time period was rather good
[20:59] <Mark_Jansen> I prefer thursday evening over saturday tbh
[20:59] <Colin_Finck> remembering some General Assemblies of past years, we sometimes had problems to motivate people between Christmas and New
Year's Eve, even if they were well-informed and agreed to that date
[20:59] <Mark_Jansen> (but that's just me)
[21:00] <Colin_Finck> I think Thursday evening is an established date due to our monthly meetings already, so I would opt for that as well
[21:00] <Colin_Finck> IIRC, we even did the GSoC student mentor talks on Thursdays
[21:01] <Colin_Finck> so Thursday is officially ReactOS day now :)
[21:01] <Matthias_Kupfer> okay, so thank you for your time, I think we can close the official part of the general assembly, the new board memebrs
stay for for a short briefing please
[21:01] <Thomas_Faber> +1 on repeating this meeting's timing
[21:01] <Thomas_Faber> Thanks guys
[21:02] <Pierre_Schweitzer> Nice to see you again Thomas_Faber :-)
[21:02] <Pierre_Schweitzer> (and congratz, Alex told me everything! ;-))
[21:02] <Thomas_Faber> Thanks :)
[21:03] <Colin_Finck> I think the Board members should move to #reactos-ev on Freenode for the Board-internal discussion
[21:04] <Daniel_Reimer> Already there
[21:04] <Matthias_Kupfer> okay, so we continue there
[21:04] <Colin_Finck> everything here is logged and will become part of the official meeting minutes sent to the authorities
[21:05] <Mark_Jansen> should non-board members also be there?
[21:05] <Colin_Finck> I don't think so :P
[21:05] <Daniel_Reimer> Think it was board only.
[21:05] <Mark_Jansen>
 ok
[21:22] Thomas_Faber has quit the server (Quit)

Annual Report 2017

As stipulated in the Articles of Assocation 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 Assocation 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)