Minutes of the General Assembly on 17th November, 2022

Minute taker: Colin Finck

The General Assembly of the Association “ReactOS Deutschland e.V.” took place in the internet (TLS-secured IRC server) on 17th November, 2022 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

The Association currently has 9 active members. A decision about the amendment of the Articles of Association requires the presence of two thirds of the active members as per §8.5 of the Articles of Association. Consequently, the attendant 6 active members were sufficient to enable changes to the Articles of Association.

Summary of the decisions

• The Board has been discharged of its responsibilities with 3 “Yes” votes, 0 “No” votes and 0 abstentions. Board members were excluded from voting.

• Members have been informed that the sentence “Members will not receive any direct benefits out of the funds of the Association” was added to §2.5 of the Articles of Association as requested by the financial authorities. The Board could do this amendment on its own as per §7.8 of the Articles of Association.

• Members have been told again that last year’s voting on the amendment of §7.1 and §7.2 of the Articles of Association needs to be repeated, because the invitation to the General Assembly back then did not inform about the planned changes to the Articles of Association.

• §7.1 and §7.2 of the Articles of Association have been changed to reduce the Board to three persons. This was done by removing the second Vice President position. In particular, the words “four persons” in §7.1 were changed to “three persons” and the words “two Vice Presidents” in §7.2 to “a Vice President”. The suggested changes were accepted with 6 “Yes” votes, 0 “No” votes and 0 abstentions.

• Matthias Kupfer, Daniel Reimer, and Colin Finck have been elected as Board members, each with 6 “Yes” votes, 0 “No” votes, and 0 abstentions. They will serve as President (Matthias Kupfer), Vice President (Daniel Reimer), and Treasurer (Colin Finck).

• ReactOS Deutschland e.V. plans to participate at FOSDEM 2023 and the Chemnitzer Linux-Tage 2023. After two virtual gatherings, these conferences are finally taking place as physical events again.
The original wordings of all attendant members can be read in the attached IRC Log.

Aachen, 17th November, 2022
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 2021
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<VoteBot> Answers:

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

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Colin_Finck: literally, someone gave the OK for that candidate thinking he already had a commit in - when that wasn't the case

Mark_Jansen: https://reactos.org/contributing/#paid-jobs

Colin_Finck: Mark_Jansen: It was a mistake

Colin_Finck: and after the entire program already started, Victor was excluded from participating as an org admin - for US embargo

Colin_Finck: only a single student was selected, and that one didn't pass

Matthias_Kupfer: any further suggestions regarding paid development

Colin_Finck: This year's GSoC was not so successful

Colin_Finck: Regarding Google Summer of Code 2023, let's talk again in January/February - when we can apply and people know their

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Matthias_Kupfer: Things can change quickly. Not the first time we had some surprise event where someone talked about us or even showed the current

Matthias_Kupfer: Daniel would you please register for CLT you can add me for the personell as long as I am not alone

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Matthias_Kupfer: yeah, we could try

Colin_Finck: Colin I mean

Colin_Finck: who's joining though?

Colin_Finck: A question we should throw into town square.

Matthias_Kupfer: and the discord maybe too

Matthias_Kupfer: me to, maybe I can rearrage some things

Matthias_Kupfer: let's see if we can get some quick reaction from people over Mattermost / Discord / whatever

Matthias_Kupfer: definitely has the funds to cover travel expenses for some members again - as we did the previous years (when FOSDEM was still a physical conference)

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let's look forward into 2023 :)  
I will check to see if I can come to fosdem, but no promises yet  
YES. Things are progressing. Not too fast, but things are getting better every day!  
I'm not sure if we can go to the final official point  
Are there any address changes?  
No  
No  
No  
Possibly? Not sure when I last gave an update haha  
please pass it to Colin (in private message)  
Will do  
Amine_Khalid: anything from your side?  
nope  
Okay, are there any questions?  
Not from me.  
(not from me either)  
If not we have successfully passed the official part and all necessary decisions have to be made  
Thanks for keeping this ship sailing!  
We will see/read you next year at latest  
it was great seeing you all :)  
Yeah, or earlier ^^  
Yep, thanks for making it here today! Looking forward to see everyone in person again  
so I wish you a good evening  
Yeah, see you.  
I think that’s all for today  
has quit the server (End of file)  
bye everyone!  
o/  
has quit the server (End of file)  
has quit the server (Quit)  
has quit the server (Quit)  
shutting down the IRC server now
Annual Report 2021

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 2021. It is divided into Activities, Outlook, and Finances. The primary purpose of the Association lies in the support of the ReactOS Project. In 2021, the main tasks were:

- Presenting the project at virtual events
- Enabling paid development for qualified ReactOS developers
- Organizing the participation in Google Summer of Code

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

Due to the ongoing Covid-19 pandemic in the beginning of 2021, the FOSDEM open-source exhibition could only take place virtually. Nevertheless, members of the Association and the project participated in the event and presented the current progress of ReactOS development. The situation was similar in March 2021, when members attended the virtual Chemnitzer Linux-Tage.

Both exhibitions offered a totally different experience due to the lack of personal face-to-face encounters. However, the elimination of travel and space constraints also allowed significantly more visitors and exhibitors to participate. This especially includes people, who previously never had a chance to attend one of these events. As a result, the presentation of the ReactOS Project offered many more live demos of the operating system over the event days. Without any travel and advertisement costs, the budget of ReactOS Deutschland e.V. was conserved in 2021, making these funds available for the upcoming years.

The experienced freelancers hired by ReactOS Deutschland e.V. in 2020 continued their paid development on the project in 2021. Up to March, One of them contributed significant improvements to the PnP kernel subsystem and the APIC HAL, while another one extended the Kernel Memory Manager up to August. These developments were very cost-
intensive to the Association, but could be financed via an equally big willingness to donate by our supporters.

In that regard, the Association experienced a special surprise in October 2021. To celebrate the 30-year anniversary of the Linux operating system, the German company B1 Systems GmbH offered a donation sum of 30,000 € for non-profit and open-source projects. Related projects could apply to that until 4th October and an open voting took place from 5th to 19th October. Thanks to the dedicated ReactOS community, ReactOS Deutschland e.V. didn’t just make it to the winner’s podium, but even to the 1st place, resulting in a donation of 1,890 €. This is even more remarkable considering that ReactOS is an open-source project that is hardly linked to the 30-year anniversary of the Linux operating system. Special thanks go out to our supporters for this extraordinary result!

The ReactOS Project again took place in the annual Google Summer of Code event in 2021. However, only one out of two mentored students completed their project successfully. As there was also no physical Mentor Summit this year for obvious reasons, the total payout by Google was lower again.

**Outlook**

As every year, ReactOS Deutschland e.V. plans to continue supporting the ReactOS Project organizationally and financially in 2022. Just like last year, the ongoing unprecedented situation makes it hard to estimate, which ideas can actually be followed. It can be expected that members of the Association and the project will participate again in virtual open-source events and present the current progress in ReactOS development. ReactOS Deutschland e.V. will support these endeavors whenever its help is required.
## Finances

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<td>Google Summer of Code Student Mentoring</td>
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**Reduction of reserves**

The Annual Report 2018 allocated several reserves for the years 2019 to 2021. Now that 2021 has ended, we can give a summary about the development of these reserves.

As the reserves are tied to specific purposes and meant to be spent in a timely manner between 2019 and 2021, it was preferable to reduce the reserves within these years.

At the end of 2021, the reserves look as follows:

**Scholarships and other forms of paid development**

Reserve of 2018: 23,484.00 €
Remaining reserve on 2021-12-31: 0.00 €

**Advertisement costs**

Reserve of 2018: 5,000.00 €
Remaining reserve on 2021-12-31: 4,260.63 €

**Investments in server infrastructure**

Reserve of 2018: 3,000.00 €
Remaining reserve on 2021-12-31: 0.00 €

**Legal consultation**

Reserve of 2018: 3,000.00 €
Remaining reserve on 2021-12-31: 2,678.70 €

**Periodically recurring infrastructure expenses**

Reserve of 2018: 2,192.00 €
Remaining reserve on 2021-12-31: 0.00 €

**Organization and travel expenses of ReactOS Hackfests**

Reserve of 2018: 2,000.00 €
Remaining reserve on 2021-12-31: 0.00 €

**Travel expenses for Open-Source exhibitions**

Reserve of 2018: 1,600.00 €
Remaining reserve on 2021-12-31: 1,000.00 €
This proves that nearly all reserves were used up in a timely manner. In particular, multiple scholarships and other forms of paid development took place between 2019 and 2021, depleting the related reserves and even far exceeding their volume.

An exception are the reserves for advertisement costs and travel expenses to open-source exhibitions. Due to the worldwide Covid-19 pandemic and the resulting cancellation of many events, among them the (physically happening) Chemnitzer Linux-Tage in 2020 and 2021, the reserved funds for these purposes could not be used up in a timely manner. However, it can be expected that the return of these events also leads to the use of the respective reserves.

Due to the low demand for legal consultations from 2019 to 2021, the reserve for this purpose also continues to exist.

Matthias Kupfer (President of the Board)
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