

Minutes of the General Assembly on 14th December, 2023

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The General Assembly of the Association “ReactOS Deutschland e.V.” took place in the internet (TLS-secured IRC server) on 14th December, 2023 at 20:00 (local German time).

Attendant members

- Matthias Kupfer (President of the Association)
- Daniel Reimer (Vice President of the Association)
- Colin Finck (Treasurer)
- Hermès Bélusca-Maïto
- Mark Jansen
- Amine Khaldi
- Victor Perevertkin

Summary of the decisions

- The Board has been discharged of its responsibilities with 4 “Yes” votes, 0 “No” votes and 0 abstentions. Board members were excluded from voting.
- ReactOS Deutschland e.V. plans to participate at Chemnitzer Linux-Tage 2024.

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

Aachen, 14th December, 2023

For the correctness of the minutes

(signed Colin Finck)
(Minute taker)

(signed Matthias Kupfer)
(President)

Attachments

- Automatically created IRC Log of the General Assembly
- Annual Report 2022

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.

[16:31] LogBot has joined #generalassembly with voice status
[16:31] VoteBot has joined #generalassembly with voice status
[16:34] Colin_Finck has joined #generalassembly with voice status
[16:48] Hermes_Belusca_Maito has joined #generalassembly with voice status
[16:48] <Hermes_Belusca_Maito> hi Colin, It Works! (TM)
[16:49] <Colin_Finck> Awesome!
[16:49] <Colin_Finck> See you in 2 hours then when the General Assembly officially commences
[16:50] <Colin_Finck> And as you're new here, one thing to note: Everything that's said in this channel is logged by LogBot and later becomes part of the official meeting minutes :)
[16:59] Mark_Jansen has joined #generalassembly with voice status
[16:59] <Mark_Jansen> Hello
[17:08] <Colin_Finck> Hi Mark
[17:09] <Mark_Jansen> Gonna grab something to eat
[18:06] Matthias_Kupfer has joined #generalassembly with voice status
[18:35] Daniel_Reimer has joined #generalassembly with voice status
[18:35] <Daniel_Reimer> Good evening
[18:41] <Mark_Jansen> evning
[18:42] <Matthias_Kupfer> Good evening
[18:43] <Matthias_Kupfer> not that many people present so far
[18:44] <Mark_Jansen> Indeed :/
[18:44] <Mark_Jansen> not enough to vote I assume?
[18:44] Amine_Khalidi has joined #generalassembly with voice status
[18:46] <Hermes_Belusca_Maito> hello all!
[18:46] <Mark_Jansen> Hey Hermes, Amine!
[18:47] <Colin_Finck> Mark_Jansen: This will be a very basic General Assembly today. No votings that require a minimum number of active members to be present.
[18:47] <Mark_Jansen> oh, ok
[18:48] <Hermes_Belusca_Maito> what's the minimum number of members for the vote?
[18:49] <Colin_Finck> Hermes_Belusca_Maito: https://ev.reactos.org/files/Articles_of_Association.pdf --> §8.4: "Every properly summoned General Assembly has a quorum."
[18:50] <Colin_Finck> By sending out the invitations in time and following all other guidelines, this is a properly summoned General Assembly
[18:50] <Colin_Finck> We just have some exceptions for special cases
[18:51] <Colin_Finck> like §8.5: "A decision about the amendment of the Articles of Association and about the liquidation of the Association requires the presence of two thirds of the active Association members."
[18:51] <Colin_Finck> That was required last year
[18:51] <Colin_Finck> but not this year
[18:51] <Matthias_Kupfer> but its an advantage to have at least 1 person to vote for discharging the board (except the board members themselves)
[18:51] <Colin_Finck> Yes
[18:51] <Hermes_Belusca_Maito> i see, thanks
[18:51] <Colin_Finck> We already rescheduled a General Assembly a few years ago, when that wasn't the case.
[18:52] <Matthias_Kupfer> for safety reasons i will wait until the end of the grace period
[18:52] <Colin_Finck> But fortunately, that hasn't happened again ever since.
[18:52] <Matthias_Kupfer> so we will start 2000 sharp
[18:52] Victor_Perevertkin has joined #generalassembly with voice status
[18:53] <Victor_Perevertkin> Hey!
[18:53] <Colin_Finck> Hello Victor! Good to see you here :)
[18:54] <Victor_Perevertkin> Nice to meet all of you too :)
[18:55] <Mark_Jansen> Hey :)
[18:59] <Matthias_Kupfer> Our general assembly 2023 starts officially now
[19:00] <Matthias_Kupfer> Let me welcome you guys to our annual meeting
[19:00] <Daniel_Reimer> And once more for all who joined by now: Hi ^^
[19:00] <Matthias_Kupfer> According to the agenda sent by e-mail we will start with the first topic
[19:01] <Matthias_Kupfer> Has everyone read the annual report?
[19:01] <Mark_Jansen> I have read it
[19:01] <Daniel_Reimer> Yes, I did
[19:01] <Colin_Finck> I have even written it :)
[19:01] <Victor_Perevertkin> I did
[19:02] <Matthias_Kupfer> The careful reader may have noticed that we don't spend much money over the years, so we have to cerfully decrease our cash money over time
[19:02] <Daniel_Reimer> Yeah, that's what I wanted to mention, too. The sum increases more and more...
[19:02] <Matthias_Kupfer> are there any questions or remarks according to the annual report 2022?
[19:02] <Mark_Jansen> None from me.
[19:03] <Victor_Perevertkin> This year (2023) we have a contract so that should be "fixed" actually
[19:03] <Colin_Finck> Matthias_Kupfer: Are the financial authorities still that strict when it comes to spending money in time?
[19:03] <Colin_Finck> I recall that you mailed me about a related change in law a while ago
[19:04] <Matthias_Kupfer> for a lot of contracts is to little money but for the finance authorities will have a look at least over a long time period
[19:04] <Matthias_Kupfer> it's not that dangerous, but we should keep an eye on that anyway
[19:05] <Matthias_Kupfer> It seems to me there are no questions, so we can proceed and go to the next point
[19:05] <Matthias_Kupfer> same precEDURE as last year we need a discharge of the board members
[19:06] <Matthias_Kupfer> are there any questions about that?
[19:06] <Colin_Finck> Matthias_Kupfer: For what it's worth, you mailed me on 13th January 2021 that using donations in time (i.e. within 2 years) is only required from now on if the yearly income is above 45,000 €. We are far away from that.
[19:06] <Colin_Finck> Anyway, just wanted to note that to finish this topic.
[19:07] <Colin_Finck> And yes, we have a contracted developer this year and next year :)
[19:07] <Daniel_Reimer> No questions from me. We do this for a while now ^^
[19:07] <Matthias_Kupfer> okay, sorry, so I already fixed that issue myself ;-)
[19:07] <Victor_Perevertkin> Matthias_Kupfer: there are new people here, can you please describe the procedure?
[19:08] <Matthias_Kupfer> the board members lead the ReactOS Detschalnd e.V. and the regulations require that the general assembly discharge the board members
[19:09] <Matthias_Kupfer> this means that the are satisfied with their decisions and work and believe that the annual report and planning is correct/sufficient
[19:10] <Victor_Perevertkin> OK, understood
[19:10] <Matthias_Kupfer> Colin_Finck: if you have some better words to describe the procedure please feel free to step in and add some usefull words
[19:10] <Colin_Finck> Matthias_Kupfer: you explained it very well
[19:11] <Colin_Finck> Voting will happen via VoteBot. I would continue then and instruct VoteBot to ask all of you in private messages.
[19:11] <Matthias_Kupfer> okay, for the new members some additional info, as long as the baord needs to be discharged the board itself cannot vote on that
[19:12] <Matthias_Kupfer> therefore it's required/vecessary to have some non-board members present
[19:12] <Matthias_Kupfer> Are there any questions left?

[19:12] <Victor_Perevertkin> No more questions from me
[19:12] <Matthias_Kupfer> Otherwise, Colin_Finck you can start the VoteBot
[19:12] <VoteBot> Colin_Finck has set up a vote and I'm asking all participating members in private messages now.
[19:12] <VoteBot> Excluded from voting:
[19:12] <VoteBot> Colin_Finck
[19:12] <VoteBot> Daniel_Reimer
[19:12] <VoteBot> Matthias_Kupfer
[19:14] <VoteBot> The vote is over. Here are the results!
[19:14] <VoteBot> Question: Do you agree with discharging the responsibilities of the Board? (in German: "Sprechen Sie dem Vorstand Entlastung aus?")
[19:14] <VoteBot> Answers:
[19:14] <VoteBot> Abstention - 0 votes
[19:14] <VoteBot> Yes (in German: Ja) - 4 votes
[19:14] <VoteBot> No (in German: Nein) - 0 votes
[19:14] <VoteBot> Total number of votes: 4
[19:14] <Colin_Finck> Thank you very much! :)
[19:15] <Daniel_Reimer> Thanks to all :D
[19:15] <Matthias_Kupfer> okay, thank you
[19:15] <Matthias_Kupfer> The next point is the presentation of our plans
[19:16] <Matthias_Kupfer> Let me start first, I think we should at least plan to take part at CLT (Chemnitz Linux Days) as usual
[19:16] <Matthias_Kupfer> Are there any other events planned?
[19:17] <Matthias_Kupfer> Colin_Finck: you have sometimes fixed events in mind, nothing this time?
[19:17] <Hermes_Belusca_Maito> There should be FOSDEM in february next year (2024) ?
[19:17] <Hermes_Belusca_Maito> or is it too late already to register?
[19:17] <Colin_Finck> For FOSDEM, it's sadly already too late to register
[19:17] <Victor_Perevertkin> We may attend FOSDEM as we did in 2023
[19:17] <Colin_Finck> yeah, we could still attend FOSDEM as visitors and meet up around that time
[19:17] <Colin_Finck> like we did in 2023
[19:17] <Daniel_Reimer> I plan to show up in Chemnitz next year and with "I" I mean me and at least one other person. Something like this year is not going to happen again. ^^ Well not your fault, as the 2nd one canceled his trip a few days before, but still I was not very happy about that. Anyways. Chemnitz Linux Days is on my list.
[19:18] <Matthias_Kupfer> Colin_Finck: when has the FOSEDM registration been closed?
[19:18] <Victor_Perevertkin> Some time in November
[19:18] <Colin_Finck> Matthias_Kupfer: I only see that accepted stands were already published on 2023-11-20
[19:19] <Colin_Finck> so likely some days before that
[19:19] <Colin_Finck> another reason to reschedule our General Assembly to earlier in the year
[19:19] <Daniel_Reimer> Maybe we really should put that on our calender for next year. Otherwise it will be missed again.
[19:19] <Matthias_Kupfer> Daniel_Reimer: as long as we have a limitation in booth maybe we can think about booth sharing with another kind project
[19:19] <Victor_Perevertkin> Deadline for stands was on the 8th of December
[19:19] <Colin_Finck> but the most important thing is getting enough project members interested in serving a stand
[19:19] <Victor_Perevertkin> <https://fosdem.org/2024/news/2023-09-18-stands-cfp/>
[19:20] <Hermes_Belusca_Maito> ah so it was only "few" days ago ;)
[19:20] <Matthias_Kupfer> Okay, so FOSDEM is to late, then let me ask a question according to the timing, what is the best month for a general assembly?
[19:20] <Colin_Finck> Victor_Perevertkin: hm, and here it says 2023-11-10: <https://stands.fosdem.org/submission/> :D
[19:21] <Daniel_Reimer> "but the most important thing is getting enough project members interested in serving a stand" and this is the main problem indeed. You already wrote it down on the report, but I will tell again. That was the big PRO of the online Linux Days. We had more than enough ppl around. ALL THE TIME. We even had time for funny side dishes like the WorkAdventure world I made.
[19:21] <Matthias_Kupfer> first half, second half? I think everyone has a preference
[19:21] <Colin_Finck> Matthias_Kupfer: off the top of my head, future General Assemblies should best happen somewhen in the middle of the year.
[19:22] <Daniel_Reimer> I'd say second half. Like August or September?
[19:22] <Colin_Finck> but they also mustn't collide with people's holiday plans :)
[19:22] <Hermes_Belusca_Maito> It's sad that they don't make those online days thing anymore (or do they?) -- i suppose it was extra maintenance.
[19:22] <Mark_Jansen> And maybe at another day/time, so that people not from the EU can also join in again.
[19:22] <Colin_Finck> Mark_Jansen: yes, we should finally also consider doing it on a weekend.
[19:22] <Colin_Finck> but I'm afraid this will even more collide with people's holiday schedules.
[19:22] <Matthias_Kupfer> Mark_Jansen: we already discussed that, I think we will do it on a weekend e.g. Saturday
[19:23] <Colin_Finck> anyway, can't make everyone happy at the same time.
[19:23] <Matthias_Kupfer> Maybe we can setup a doodle like decision maker with a lot of dates
[19:23] <Colin_Finck> Hermes_Belusca_Maito: I think more and more conferences are returning to physical presence, because many people had enough of isolation and not meeting people for real.
[19:23] <Hermes_Belusca_Maito> yep
[19:23] <Colin_Finck> Online conferences worked best when everyone was forced to stay home.
[19:23] <Matthias_Kupfer> anyway, any further plans for 2024?
[19:23] <Mark_Jansen> @Matthias_Kupfer I would suggest just picking a few possible dates, not too many
[19:24] <Victor_Perevertkin> I don't have a strict preference. September seems decent for me, a workday is probably better than a weekend (but I would not insist on that)
[19:24] <Colin_Finck> Matthias_Kupfer: Yes, let's set up a Doodle for each General Assembly. Every year will be slightly different anyway for most people.
[19:24] <Matthias_Kupfer> Mark_Jansen: okay, we can start with a bunch of dates and add more if the result does not satisfy
[19:24] <Victor_Perevertkin> And yeah, we should try to pick the time that is sufficient for both EU and US
[19:25] <Colin_Finck> I can already predict that I will be kinda busy in the upcoming 6 months, but hopefully things will settle in the second half of 2024.
[19:25] <Matthias_Kupfer> okay, so let's come back to the topic, any more plans for 2024?
[19:26] <Daniel_Reimer> Not from my side. I plan some testing and tinkering with ROS x64 and maybe (if it is rather stable) use it for a specific case at work
[19:26] <Colin_Finck> Matthias_Kupfer: Not from my side. We'll continue to have our single contracted developer, and who knows, maybe more developers submit proper proposals and we can fund them.
[19:26] <Colin_Finck> But you can never know this in advance.
[19:27] <Matthias_Kupfer> okay, no more plans for 2024m then we can proceed with a similar topic: the paid activities
[19:27] <Matthias_Kupfer> Colin_Finck: you already mentioned that while I typed
[19:27] <Victor_Perevertkin> I am going to visit FOSDEM and attend a "mini hackfest" if we organize it as usual. There are also some unfinished pull requests from me hanging around, which I'd like to finish
[19:28] <Matthias_Kupfer> How many months are planned for 2024 for the contracted work?
[19:28] <Matthias_Kupfer> current status only
[19:29] <Matthias_Kupfer> Colin_Finck: can you tell that?
[19:29] <Daniel_Reimer> I am sure he is already typing. That's the only negative aspect of IRC here
[19:29] <Colin_Finck> #ACTION is looking it up#
[19:29] <Hermes_Belusca_Maito> if we're talking about my contracted work, for 2024 it should be only for January
[19:30] <Hermes_Belusca_Maito> we originally agreed for 5 months, and i started on september 2023
[19:31] <Matthias_Kupfer> That is not that much, maybe we find something no or can prolongate the contract
[19:31] <Daniel_Reimer> No only my decision, but I am sure this can be extended if you need more time.
[19:31] <Colin_Finck> Hermes_Belusca_Maito: Yes, I confirm. Found the discussion from back then and you said "5 months"
[19:32] <Colin_Finck> Time flies fast
[19:32] <Hermes_Belusca_Maito> I don't have any problems working more for React05 as being paid, but i think the limiting factor was the money the e.V. has allocated for contracts vs. what I asked as monthly pay.
[19:32] <Colin_Finck> Let's have a look at the work end of January and decide whether we keep it that way or we find good reasons and the necessary funds to extend the contract.
[19:33] <Matthias_Kupfer> okay, that sounds fair

[19:33] <Daniel_Reimer> Indeed
[19:33] <Matthias_Kupfer> Are there any further ideas for this point?
[19:33] <Hermes_Belusca_Maito> (by the way i should write 2 blog posts for what was done during oct. and nov. ; there has been some progress especially since yesterday where I tried to test all the changes at once)
[19:34] <Colin_Finck> When we discussed the contract back in August, I only had a look at existing funds. Now that donations are keeping steady even in these times, we can surely find funds to extend the contract.
[19:34] <Daniel_Reimer> Your recent pictures of GUI installer were quite a sight.
[19:35] <Matthias_Kupfer> Okay, if there are no further ideas or requests we can proceed to the last official topic
[19:35] <Colin_Finck> Matthias_Kupfer: No further ideas from my side. Regarding the meet-up around FOSDEM in Brussels: If this is going to happen, it has to happen like this year again:
[19:36] <Colin_Finck> Namely, some project/e.V. member books accommodation for all of us in advance
[19:36] <Colin_Finck> and e.V. later reimburses him
[19:36] <Colin_Finck> As I will be very busy during the first half of 2024, and can't even say if I can make it to Brussels in February, I can't take responsibility for the accommodation and booking.
[19:37] <Victor_Perevertkin> I should get my new visa next week (or get a refusal hehe). After that, I can help with finding a place and other things
[19:37] <Colin_Finck> sounds great!
[19:37] <Colin_Finck> last year, it was Timo who looked up the place and booked it
[19:37] <Colin_Finck> but he's not here today
[19:37] <Colin_Finck> and I think he was more a fan of letting it happen in another city next year
[19:37] <Mark_Jansen> He stated previously that he was very busy
[19:38] <Matthias_Kupfer> okay, just in case, send an e-mail to me or Daniel_Reimer, we can organize some things
[19:38] <Colin_Finck> Mark_Jansen: oh well, everybody is it seems :-/
[19:38] <Victor_Perevertkin> looks like, we first of all need to find out who can actually attend the meeting :)
[19:38] <Colin_Finck> yes, that sounds like a good first step :)
[19:39] <Matthias_Kupfer> I can go by direct train without any change and would like to see brussels
[19:39] <Colin_Finck> Matthias_Kupfer: Oh, that must be a new train connection.
[19:39] <Matthias_Kupfer> yes it is a night train, direct from berlin to brussels or paris
[19:40] <Colin_Finck> ah
[19:40] <Colin_Finck> Who's volunteering to ask everyone on ros-dev? Or on Mattermost? Or both :)
[19:40] <Victor_Perevertkin> I can ask on mattermost after the GA
[19:41] <Matthias_Kupfer> Colin_Finck: Do you have all necessary contact data from every member so far?
[19:41] <Colin_Finck> Matthias_Kupfer: Oh, are we already coming to the last point of the agenda "Update of address data"?
[19:42] <Matthias_Kupfer> yes we do, or are there any objectives?
[19:42] <Daniel_Reimer> Regarding CLT. Mark the 2nd week of march in your calendar. It's at that time most of the time. Right now there were no mails showing up, but this will happen by experience in the next two weeks. Chemnitz is nice, too and the Linux days are a great experience. We already had fun there for many years. So please put it into consideration. If I do not get enough ppl, we might have to
[19:42] <Daniel_Reimer> skip next year.
[19:43] <Colin_Finck> Well, let me know in private message if any of your postal address data has changed. We're asking here every year in order to not keep outdated records.
[19:43] <Matthias_Kupfer> It's exact on 16th and 17th March 2024
[19:45] <Daniel_Reimer> We even have a Mattermost channel for it. Feel free to join if you did not by now. I tend to update you in there and/or by mail.
[19:45] <Matthias_Kupfer> okay, so I have at least for Colin_Finck some financial questions left, but we can do that in private message (please do not go away)
[19:46] <Colin_Finck> The university organizing Chemnitz Linux Days is already making the entire cyberspace happy today: <https://www.tu-chemnitz.de/mb/mp/weihnachten2023/> :D
[19:46] <Matthias_Kupfer> But if you have already sent you address data to Colin the official part is over and I thank you for your time, we will meet at least next year for the next annual meeting
[19:47] <Victor_Perevertkin> Thank you!
[19:47] <Daniel_Reimer> That pyramid needs a can of oil :D
[19:47] <Colin_Finck> Thanks for attending!
[19:47] <Mark_Jansen> Thanks!
[19:48] <Daniel_Reimer> Yeah thanks :D
[19:49] <Colin_Finck> Happy holidays to everybody! Thanks also to the people attending for the very first time. You see, we try to keep these official meetings short and effective :)
[19:49] <Colin_Finck> Everything else can now be discussed off record in the Mattermost channels
[19:49] <Hermes_Belusca_Maito> :wave:
[19:58] <Colin_Finck> shutting down the server now
[19:58] Daniel_Reimer has quit the server (End of file)
[19:59] Matthias_Kupfer has left #generalassembly
[19:59] Amine_Khalidi has quit the server (Quit)



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Annual Report 2022

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 2022. It is divided into Activities, Outlook, and Finances. The primary purpose of the Association lies in the support of the ReactOS Project. In 2022, the main tasks were:

- Presenting the project at virtual events
- 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

Even at the beginning of 2022, the Covid-19 pandemic still dominated daily life. This had the consequence that the project's annual appearances at the FOSDEM open source event and the Chemnitz Linux Days could once again only take place virtually. Despite these limitations, several members of the Association and the Project attended the events and presented current progress in ReactOS development. Just as in 2021, the lack of personal encounters resulted in the events having an entirely different character. However, this situation also had the positive side effect that the (virtual) booths could easily be managed by project members from all over the world. Similar to previous years, ReactOS Deutschland e.V. would have covered the travel and advertising costs for ReactOS appearances at these events. But due to the virtual nature of the events, no such costs were incurred this year either.

The freelancers hired since 2020 all completed their projects by the end of 2021. Due to a lack of suitable candidates and realistic project ideas, no new freelancers could be hired in 2022 to further develop ReactOS. Development this year took place exclusively by volunteer developers and without any costs for ReactOS Deutschland e.V.

ReactOS also participated in the annual Google Summer of Code program in 2022. However, the number and quality of many submitted proposals were below our expectations, hence only one student was supervised this year. Unfortunately, even this

student did not successfully complete his project. As the quality of the work of Google Summer of Code participants has continuously been declining over the recent years, an unfortunate trend is showing. The Association and the Project will evaluate whether it still makes sense to participate in Google Summer of Code next year.

Outlook

With the foreseeable end of the Covid-19 pandemic next year, the ReactOS Project is betting on a return to physical events to present the project and engage with developers and users. For this purpose, an accommodation in Brussels has already been booked for several days around FOSDEM 2023. The goal is to meet again after around 3 years and to organize a “Mini Hackfest” to further develop the ReactOS operating system together on-site. ReactOS Deutschland e.V. will support this event financially.

It is still planned to put the responsibility for major changes to the ReactOS operating system not just in the hands of unpaid volunteers, but to also rely on paid development by freelancers in these cases. The Association will continue to look for suitable candidates in the upcoming year.

Finances

Incomes

Donations	12,870.84 €
Google Summer of Code Student Mentoring	495.68 €
Sale of Merchandising	56.52 €
Currency Exchange Adjustment Posting	27.55 €

Expenses

Infrastructure costs (Servers)	2,146.02 €
Infrastructure costs (other)	305.19 €
Infrastructure costs (Domains)	157.48 €
Notary and tax consulting costs	126.14 €
Shipping costs	5.90 €
Bank fees	5.00 €

Totals

Total incomes	13,450.59 €
Total expenses	2,745.73 €
Reserves from 2021	41,325.82 €
Balance on 2022-12-31	52,030.68 €

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