

OSHW Board Meeting
Feb 3th, 2014, 12pm ET

Attended by: Alicia Gibb, David Mellis, Emile Petrone, Star Simpson,
Gabiella Levine, Addie Wagenknecht, Jeff Warren

Gabiella opened the meeting at 12:00pm EDT via Google Hangout

1. OHS update from Addie:

The chamber of commerce in Rome has offered to sponsor OHS in late September or early October during the same time that it sponsors the Maker Faire in Rome.

It is a good opportunity location-wise. OHS will be a separate event from the Maker Faire Rome.

Two day summit - first day speakers, second day hack/workshops/hands-on

QUESTIONS TO BE ANSWERED: What will be the implications if Chamber of Commerce sponsors the entire event?

Who would own the IP to the video, website, and how would we release it?

What are the benefits and affordances?

What about OHS sponsors: how much do sponsors care about specifically the summit?

>>Sponsors should continue to be happy: if the Chamber of Commerce sponsors completely can our sponsorship go to OSHWA instead of OHS

>>Double check with Danese that as a non-profit, we don't get in weird financial stuff going through a chamber of commerce or whatever

>>Simone should keep moving forwards but we should voice questions as he finds out more info.

To do: Simone to find out more info and others voice concerns as he and Addie move forward.

Planning: as more motion occurs, the board can via email discuss workshops, educational agenda, panels, but summit chairs don't pick speakers until they see what is coming from the community

2. Vote on past meeting notes

How public do we want to be about budget and numbers of members?

Approve these minutes with the understanding that the number of members won't be shared publicly, and we should probably take the links out that people can't access

Gabby motions, Addie seconds, no one objects

3. Programming:

David is skeptical of repo for patent search because patent searches can be problematic: what does it mean for a patent to be relevant to open source hardware - and isn't clear that it's the service that people actually want from OSHWA and some lawyers say you shouldn't look out for prior art cause you're more liable

So: OSHWA should ask the corporations they work with what program can we offer that will be attractive for people and companies to become members, especially corporate membership

TO DO: >>Alicia (book interviews for "building OSHW") / Catarina (business surveys): go out and talk to companies to see what useful services

Having a repository for a place for people to host OSHW files will be a big expense

But, a list of projects and a repo for documentation makes sense

>>We could add to the Wikipedia list of open hardware businesses

>>Aileen could probably do this

PUBLICITY

>>Alicia will be focusing on : publicity, member recruitment, and developing a toolkit

>>Publicity - should OSHWA have its own twitter handle? yes

Should we convert the summit to the OSHWA twitter? NO

So instead of voting on the programming document we decided to table it, but we each know how to move forwards until we decide on it more specifically

4. Budget:

>>If we depend on the chamber of commerce to host the budget things would change drastically and be reworked and re-voted upon

>>We removed the development of the repo from programming so the budget decreased

>>Aileen is about 40 / month but we do want to put some money into PR / Marketing person

>>We can't really pay people yet though

It is a dream for OSHWA - get 100K / year - pay someone to be a full time exec director -

So we vote on the budget but we can have the ability to revise it when we have more info:

Gabby motions, Starr seconds it , budget passed

5. FINANCIALS

Alicia informs us:

Financials: Wells Fargo: \$13,954.93 (payment to Addie of 3k recently went through), Paypal: \$1,486.07

6. Blog post & document:

We will try to keep ongoing blog posts, Gaby will pester people if they don't sign up

The rest of the items do not require a vote and we will discuss via email send you a meeting in the right time zone -

Gaby motion to close, Star seconds - 13: 41 EDT meeting is closed.