

## OSHW Nominee forms

What is your first and last name as you want it to appear on the ballot?	Why do you want to be on the board?	What qualifies you to be a board member?	Will you be able to commit 5-10 hours a month to being on the board?
Luis Rodriguez	<p>I see the open source hardware movement as a complete necessity for the future of the overall Free and Open Source movement. There are two key principles I'd like to ensure our community understands, 1) Open Hardware development is a key requirement to the success of the open source community 2) Open Hardware development is very likely where the best evolutionary methodology for the combination of best hardware and software will come about.</p> <p>I'd like to help connect the open hardware community with FOSS projects and ensure nothing stands in between the two.</p> <p>I have written about this here:  <a href="http://www.do-not-panic.com/2016/01/why-open-hardware-must-succeed.html">http://www.do-not-panic.com/2016/01/why-open-hardware-must-succeed.html</a></p>	<p>I've been working on the Linux kernel community for over 10 years now and have been in the trenches on dealing with companies addressing all regulatory concerns to support 802.11 drivers openly without firmware, and when firmware was required convinced companies to release firmware as open source. 802.11 was one of the last frontiers for getting proper support from vendors upstream on Linux, the experience gained in successfully addressing both legal challenges and Fear Uncertainty and Doubt in the industry over FOSS with wireless technologies should prove useful for helping the open hardware movement when faced with similar problems in the future with newer technologies.</p> <p>I have also previously worked for a large non-fab silicon company, and have seen the issues we face in the community with both a largely patent encumbered world, and the limitations this imposes in our ecosystem.</p> <p>I'd like to proactively help the open hardware movement by doing R&amp;D in forecasting and addressing possible issues before they come up and connecting communities in the collaborative world as best as possible.</p>	Yes
J. Simmons	<p>TL;DR - I think it is the right thing to do...</p> <p>In 2009 I founded Mach 30 with a group of like minded individuals in order to develop open source spaceflight hardware. From the outset, I was on the lookout for others developing open source hardware of any kind so we could support each other under the belief that a rising tide helps all ships.</p> <p>The moment I heard about the first Open Hardware Summit I made sure Mach 30 sent representatives so we could begin to connect with the larger OSHW community (we have been at every OHS since, except Rome). Later, when the OSHW movement's leaders started work to form OSHWA, I shared Mach 30's public documentation on our experience incorporating as a 501c3 public charity in the hope that OSHWA could benefit from the lessons we learned when we incorporated.</p> <p>And, now, I feel it is time to make the next step in showing my support for the OSHW community by stepping up to becoming a member of the board of directors.</p>	<p>I have been involved in non-profits for the majority of my life. I spent much of my school age years volunteering in community theatres, taking on roles on and off stage I then went and got my undergraduate degree in technical theatre, which included courses in theatre (read non-profit) management. I applied all of these experiences to volunteer work in theatre until 2006.</p> <p>Since 2009, I have been the president of Mach 30 (mach30.org), a non-profit dedicated to developing open source spaceflight hardware. As the president of Mach 30, I have run well over 100 business meetings (documenting these meetings with the same care we document our OSHW projects), worked on projects ranging from distributed Yuri's Night celebrations (<a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=y4TLxWVTIgm">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=y4TLxWVTIgm</a>) to the development of OSHW projects like a rocket test stand (<a href="https://opendesignengine.net/projects/shepard-ts">https://opendesignengine.net/projects/shepard-ts</a>), and presented about OSHW at multiple Open Hardware Summits. You will also find some of my writing about OSHW documentation practices in Alicia Gibb's book "Building Open Source Hardware".</p>	Yes
Abhishek Narula	<p>An artist engineer and an engineer artist, I am interested in exploring the space created between the intersection of art and technology. I use open source technology as a way of setting a critical lens on technological innovation. Through this I try to show how we interact with technology and also how we interact with each other. Being on the board will allow me to further explore these issues with the community at large. I also want to create an active community that uses technology as a medium for creative expressions and the arts. Being on the OSHWA will help me with this objective.</p>	<p>In our current situation, we are faced with many problems that pertain to the environment, education, societal justice etc. and the only way to address these is through collaborative communities. These communities can only be effective if they have access to free and unabridged information. Any systems and processes that hinder such conditions are not only anti-humanity, but in my humble opinion should be confronted, criticized and defeated with all our fervor. My background in electrical engineering, art and business give me the skills to contribute to the sustainability of the open source hardware community. A big part of my practice is based around community engagement, especially around the tools that I build and use. If elected on the board, I will be able to leverage this to further advance the objectives of OSHWA.</p>	Yes

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Luka Mustafa	<p>To contribute towards making open hardware the de-facto way in the field of technology and thus cultivate the global development bringing together the best of many awesome technical developments that exist today. I believe we should collectively move towards transferring the success of open hardware for the maker movement into industry and everyday products we use. Open hardware is now in the position to significantly change the way we think about technology through four key topics: Open is Future-proof, enabling modification and upgrades of products, extending the lifespan of devices and making them more suitable for a larger number of users and empower them to be a part of the product more than from the passive user perspective. Open enables Collaborative-design, thus fundamentally shifting the manufacturer/user dynamics from one way communication to a joint effort to create the best solution. Open drives Fair-production on a significantly more fundamental level than simple transparency that is already becoming a norm, gaining trust of users through sharing the information and thus bear the collective responsibility of all technology users. Open means Total-ownership, contrasting a number of recent bad practices in industry where users are merely leasing the devices from the manufacturer cloaked under the normal sale and directly prohibiting the right to fix and modify for personal use. I wish to be on the board to drive the discussion on moving forward with open hardware outside the scope of maker movement and applying it to a larger number of products in our life.</p>	<p>The past 5 years I have dedicated to exploring open hardware from a number of different perspectives and projects and am currently a Shuttleworth Foundation Fellow and the founder of Institute IRNAS Race based in Slovenia, Europe dedicated to applying scientific advances to practice through open hardware. I have initiated the development of open source wireless optical communication system <a href="http://koruza.net">http://koruza.net</a> that enables 1Gbps/10Gbps connectivity with light between buildings, set the development direction for <a href="http://goodenoughcnc.eu">http://goodenoughcnc.eu</a> project to create affordable and self-replicating CNC machines on a global scale as well as a number of more scientifically oriented projects ranging for Symbiolab open hardware biolaboratory, a more recent development Vitaprint 3D printer for bio applications. I have been speaking at a number of scientific and open hardware events and evaluate the use of open hardware through my projects not only from the technical but also economical and legal perspectives. As well I am active in the Community wireless networking field through project <a href="http://wlan-si.net">http://wlan-si.net</a> and have organized one edition of the largest annual event in this field, the Battlemesh V8 conference. My CV can be found on the following link: <a href="http://irnas.eu/team">http://irnas.eu/team</a></p>	Yes
Michael Weinberg	<p>To continue working on the OSHWA open source hardware certification.</p>	<p>"Qualifies" may be a strong word, but I have been on the board for the last two years and OSHWA hasn't caught on fire. I've also done some of the work on the new open source hardware certification. In the interest of full disclosure, I'll probably keep doing that even if I'm not on the board.</p>	Yes
Nadya Peek	<p>I believe technology to be a democratic tool. To enable this, I believe in creating reusable, modular, extensible, interoperable, and accessible technologies. Specifically, I believe in creating infrastructural technologies that can serve any (unintended) application. The Internet is a previous example of a successful infrastructure (providing a platform for applications such as the world wide web, email, or VOIP). Crucially, internet standards were open, free, and iteratively created by a community of practitioners. I believe Open Source Hardware can (and sometimes already does) fulfil similar infrastructural needs. Especially with excitement and progress around internet of things, self-driving cars, data-driven insights, robotics, or digital fabrication, I believe it is crucial to create, maintain, and improve free and open standards and to prevent walled gardens or silos of technology. Maker culture champions broader-base participation in technology, and I want to work on making sure that participation makes real lasting changes. I would like to serve on the board of the Open Hardware Association as I believe it to be an organisation uniquely focussed on developing, discussing, and disseminating open standards for technology.</p>	<p>I have been actively developing open source hardware for the past decade. I develop open-source fabrication technology under the Machines that Make project, and develop open-source machine controls and software at MIT's Center for Bits and Atoms. I have worked on many engineering teams including for aerospace, manufacturing, medical devices, and architectural applications. I have helped set up more than 50 Fablabs and makerspaces throughout the world, giving me ample experience with how many different kinds of people interact with many different kinds of technology. I am one of the organisers of the annual global Fablab conference and am familiar with event planning and fund raising. I am an advisor to the Fab Foundation (a non-profit that globally facilitates fab labs), a judge for Hackaday's prize, and on the editorial board of HardwareX, Elsevier's open access journal focussed on open hardware. I have spoken about hardware and manufacturing on many occasions including at the White House, Solidcon, HOPE, and Chaos Computer Club Congress. I have a PhD from MIT and am in a band called Construction.</p>	Yes

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<p>Harris Kenny</p>	<p>I believe in technology and culture that respect user freedom. I believe in what OSHWA is doing to advance these values, and that I could contribute a board member. As a board member, I would work both execute current projects (e.g. OH Summit, certification) and also bring new ideas to help improve and grow OSHWA.</p> <p>First, I believe there is room to expand OSHWA's use of Free and Open Source tools in its operations as an organization. I feel I could most effectively advocate and implement this on the board, by both contributing and helping channel organizational and community resources to get it done. I personally use GNU/Linux and Free Software and would enjoy expanding the use of these tools by OSHWA.</p> <p>I believe there is an opportunity to expand the resources OSHWA makes available to corporate members to help them grow their companies. For example, I recently started participating in the Open Source Design community and see great opportunities to share knowledge from groups like this and offer their expertise to OSHWA corporate members.</p> <p>Finally, there a growing number of hardware companies being started thanks to 3D printing, however they are unfamiliar with Open Source Hardware. My work in the 3D printing industry and position on the board would help me advocate Open Hardware to those companies and (hopefully) increase their participation in the new OSHWA certification program.</p> <p>It would be a privilege to join the OSHWA board. Thank you for your consideration!</p>	<p>I am firmly committed to Open Source Hardware, Free Software, and Libre Innovation would bring this perspective to the board, continuing the progress OSHWA has made since its founding. I also believe my professional and educational experience are qualifications that make me a good fit for the board.</p> <p>Professionally, I have demonstrated my commitment to Open Source Hardware during my nearly three years at Aleph Objects, Inc., a Free Software, Libre Innovation, and Open Source Hardware company and maker of the LulzBot line of desktop 3D printer. As Vice President of Marketing, I have had the privilege to help build the company as the 17th hire and first full time marketing hire, up to 140 employees (and growing!) today.</p> <p>I am about to complete a MBA from the University of Denver. This education and my past professional experience in management and ERP consulting enable me to bring business insights to both help run OSHWA as an organization and help understand the needs of its corporate members.</p> <p>Through my MBA, I have experience consulting with an organization that has a working board like OSHWA. I know how important it is for the board get things done to serve its members and grow the community. I recognize that joining the OSHWA board will mean work, and I welcome that.</p> <p>Overall, I encourage members to consider commitment to Open Source Hardware as the most important qualification for the board. While I do have this, there are many others in the community who share these values and I would be proud to support them on the board if I am not selected.</p>	<p>Yes</p>
<p>Matthias Tarasiewicz (parasew)</p>	<p>I want to work on communicating Open Hardware to non-engineers and work on cultural aspects of Open Hardware communities, such as we did in our recent Book "Openism - Conversations in Open Hardware". I want to contribute with our institute (RIAT) which is located in Vienna, Austria. I can help to organise and communicate European issues and be a contact point for European initiatives.</p>	<p>I am active in communicating Open Source Hardware and Open Source in general since more than 10 years. I am publishing books and articles about open culture and I am located in Europe, which would make me an ideal board member for European issues. I was the coordinator for the European Union project "AXIOM", the first Open Hardware professional cinema camera and I am still very active in this project, so I know about the issues and challenges of Open Hardware design/development/distribution/fundraising, etc.</p>	<p>Yes</p>