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OVTO General Meeting
November 3, 2022

OVTO regular General Meeting assembly, November 3, 2022

2022-11-03 13:00-16:00

Minutes written by Corina Klug, Martin Schachner and Arne Keller

Attendees: Arne Keller, Mats Svensson, Astrid Linder, Kai-Uwe Schmitt, Simon Krašna, David Bützer, Martin Schachner, Markus Muser, Jimmy Forsberg, Corina Klug; Matej Kranjec, Jia Cheng Xu, Jobin John, Johan Iraeus, Jonas Östh

Corina joined at 13:15 and was represented by Martin Schachner before that.

15/15 members present → valid assembly

1 Agenda

- Welcome and attendance
- Approval of agenda
- Approval of minutes of last meeting
- Reports of the Committee
- Votes on discharge of the Committee members
- VIVA+ Subcommittee
- Election of new Committee
- Membership applications
- Funding and next steps
- AOB

Astrid: Add Dissemination possibilities from Commission to PR. Arne suggests to discuss this point under PR. The agenda is accepted with 15/15 yes.

2 Approval of minutes of last meeting

13:23: The minutes of the extraordinary GM assembly on May 5 as sent to all members on June 9 are approved with 15/15 Yes.

Minutes will be made public on ovto.org.

3 Reports of the Committee

3.1 Organisational topics

- OVTO was registered. Confirmed (commercial register number CH-020.6.003.050-1)
- Bank account and paypal account registered, balance still 0
- Currently 250 users on openvt.eu
- 18 public projects online
- Terms of use in place

Resolution:

- Martin Schachner and Jobin John receive Admin rights for ovto platform:
13:39: 15/15 yes. (Additional to Arne, Jimmy and Rasmus)

3.2 Promotion

- Several activities to promote ovot: around IRCOBI, HBM4VT, GMTTB, final VIRTUAL meeting with international stakeholders.
- Website ovto.org was launched.
 - Assign website Admin for ovto Website: Committee will take care of it and 4 committee members will get admin access. No volunteers in meeting.
- Banner, Givaways etc. were organized by SWOV
- Registration of trademark for VIVA+ is under way.

Action points:

- Provide feedback on Website (ressources only available until end of November)
- As soon as VIVA+ is registered and ovto website is ready, Astrid will make the project officer aware of that to possibly promote ovto via CINEA https://cinea.ec.europa.eu/news-events_en
- Any volunteers as admin for ovto.org website?

3.3 Discharge of Committee members

According to the articles, the Committee members are excluded from the vote on their own discharge, which reduces the number of votes to max. 14

13:55 Markus takes over temporarily as chairman of the meeting during the vote on the discharge of the president.

1. President: Arne Keller:
13:56: discharge granted with 14/14 yes.
2. Vice President: Mats Svensson
13:57: discharge granted with 14/14 yes.
3. Treasurer: Markus Muser
14:00: discharge granted with 14/14 yes.
4. Secretary: Corina Klug

14:02: discharge granted with 14/14 yes.

4 VIVA+ Subcommittee

At the last assembly, the GM has decided that the VIVA+ developers may form a Subcommittee. Arne encourages the developers to nominate Subcommittee members. The nominations have to be communicated to the Committee, who will appoint them officially. Report from Developers:

- Meetings to try to get VIVA+ model running on openRadioss
- VAIVA is trying to translate VIVA+ to VPS
- Contributor licence agreement was put into place. Corina underlines Jobin's effort to design a document for maximum transparency.

Comment from Markus: Matt Reed (UMTRI) was interested at IRCOBI to morph VIVA+. Developers are already in contact with his group.

Action points:

- To officially found VIVA+ subcommittee, developers should nominate Subcommittee members and communicate the nominations to the Committee.

5 Election of Committee

14:20-14:25: Markus takes over to chair the meeting during the election of the President.

1. President: Arne Keller is willing to be reelected. No other candidate volunteered.
14:25: 14 yes, 1 abstention
Arne accepts the vote.
2. Vice President: Mats Svensson is willing to be reelected. No other candidates volunteered.
14:27: 14 yes, 1 abstention
Mats accepts the vote.
3. Secretary: Corina Klug is willing to be reelected. No other candidates volunteered.
14:30: 14 yes, 1 abstention
Corina accepts the vote.
4. Treasurer: Markus Muser highlights that there are 2 committee members from AGU and opens the discussion. No comments by the members and no other candidate volunteered. Markus is willing to be reelected then.
14:34: 14 yes, 1 abstention
Markus accepts the vote.

6 Membership applications

One application: Sanne van Gils.

14:44: 15/15 votes for accepting Sanne as new ovto member, as she has "given a considerable contribution to the sustainability of the OpenVT platform in general during the last year."

- ➔ 16/25 memberships taken. All criteria from the articles are fulfilled: ("A new member can only be accepted by the GM if, including the new member, no more than 30% of the members are affiliated with the same organisation or company less than 50% are affiliated with industrial enterprises.")

Members have sent their contributions and planned contributions to Arne. No suggestions of members who should be excluded from ovto. All members are active.

7 Funding and next steps

Funding plans:

- Shape the future track: Industry can sponsor research projects via this track.
- Small amounts reserved in research projects to support ovto for making content available and handling issues
- Another option might be to offer to other EU funded projects hosting of project results as a service. Corina recommends that we try to consider this in future projects and allocate budget for this.
- Events/workshops/conferences?
 - Markus mentions that if a physical event or conference is planned, this would require considerable initial investments prior to the event. An online event might be easier to organise.
 - Jobin explains that online conferences are held by other open source projects (free for students and ~100€ for others)
- Crowdfunding
 - Donate button is active. Should possibly be more advertised
 - Crowdfunding platform? Questionable how attractive this is

8 Other business

Mats presents suggestions to change the representation of the Subcommittees in the GM in order not to "blow up" the size of the GM assembly by defining representatives for each Subcommittee and restricting the number of ordinary members at the assembly. Arne and Markus state that the size of the GM cannot be changed, as it is defined by law as the assembly of all members. The problem would rather be relevant if we had a big amount of Subcommittees, which will likely not be the case any time soon.



Next extraordinary GM: 25.05.2022: Focus on future of ovto and sponsoring

9 Summary of resolutions

- Martin Schachner and Jobin John receive Admin rights for ovto platform
- Discharge was granted to all Committee members
- Committee members were reelected
- Sanne was elected as new ovto member

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