

General Assembly of Free Software Foundation Europe e.V.

07 October 2018

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4th staircase, 1st floor right, Gottschedstr. 4

13357 Berlin, Germany

Opening by the Chair

Time: 09.10

By invitation sent on 24 August 2018 we have come together for our General Assembly on Sunday 7 October.

Members attending the assembly:

- Albert Dengg
- Alessandro Rubini
- Amandine "Cryptie"
- Bernhard Reiter
- Björn Schießle
- Erik Albers
- Florian Snow
- Giacomo Poderi
- Heiki Lõhmus
- Hugo Roy
- Jan-Christoph Borchardt
- Karsten Gerloff
- Matthias Kirschner (Chair)
- Max Mehl
- Patrick Ohnewein (Minutes)
- Reinhard Müller
- Ulrike Sliwinski

Members not attending but who delegated their vote:

- Henrik Sandklef (assigned his vote to Patrick Ohnewein by letter to the President)
- Matija Šuklje (assigned his vote to Amandine "Cryptie" by signed e-mail to the President)
- Nikos Roussos (assigned his vote to Matthias Kirschner by signed e-mail to the President)
- Polina Malaja (assigned her vote to Matthias Kirschner by signed e-mail to the President)
- Shane Coughlan (assigned his vote to Matthias Kirschner by signed e-mail to the President)
- Torsten Grote (assigned his vote to Matthias Kirschner by signed e-mail to the President)
- Fernanda Weiden (assigned her vote to Matthias Kirschner by letter to the President)

Members not attending and not represented by delegation:

- Georg Greve
- Jonas Öberg
- Mirko Böhm
- Werner Koch

Alexander Sander is present as a guest.

Agenda

1. Greeting
2. Determination of resolutionability
3. Adoption of the agenda
4. Approval of minutes of the extraordinary General Assembly of 2018 in Berlin
5. Membership confirmation of new members
6. Thanking the recently departed Fellowship Representatives for their service
7. Report of the Executive Council
8. Exoneration of President, Vice President, and Financial Officer
9. Adoption of a conflict of interest policy
10. Broadening the scope of FSFE (Alessandro Rubini)
11. Evaluating a re-brand of FSFE (Alessandro Rubini)
12. Agreement of priorities and allocation of funds for the provision of volunteer training
13. Adoption of a diversity strategy
14. Evaluate the use of Discourse in FSFE groups (Jan-Christoph Borchardt)
15. Miscellaneous
16. Closing

1. Greetings by the President

- The assembly is officially opened at 09:10
- The Chair welcomes all present to the General Assembly.

2. Determination of resolutionability

17 of 28 members are present.

7 members are absent, but represented by members present.

The Chair notes that the invitation has been sent on time on 24 August 2018, and an updated one including the additions by other members on 2 October. 24 out of 28 members are present or represented. The Chair declares the General Assembly to be resolutionable.

3. Adoption of the agenda

Jan-Christoph Borchardt proposes to change the agenda point “14. Encourage the use of Discourse in FSFE groups (Jan-Christoph Borchardt)” into “14. Evaluate the use of Discourse in FSFE groups (Jan-Christoph Borchardt)”.

The Chair puts it to a vote. No secret vote requested.

Result: 24 for, 0 against, 0 abstention

No further additions to the agenda requested. The agenda is adopted.

4. Approval of minutes of the extraordinary General Assembly of 2018 in Berlin

The Members beforehand read the minutes of the extraordinary General Assembly from 26 May 2018 in Berlin, Germany. The Chair asks the members to approve them through vote.

Result: 9 for, 0 against, 15 abstentions

The Chair determines that the minutes of the extraordinary General Assembly are approved.

5. Membership confirmation of new members

The Chair notes that Florian Snow has been granted a membership in FSFE. The application was granted passingly by the President and requires confirmation by the General Assembly.

The Chair puts proposal on the membership of Florian Snow to the vote.

Secret vote has been requested.

Result: 22 for, 0 against, 1 abstentions

6. Thanking the recently departed Fellowship Representatives for their service

The Executive Council thanks Mirko Böhm, whose term as a Fellowship Representative is expected to end in the near future, and Daniel Pocock, who has recently withdrawn from the organization, for their service to the FSFE.

7. Report of the Executive Council

In the course of the preparation for this General Assembly, the Executive and the Financial Officer presented the members with a report and a financial statement.

The Chair asks whether there are further questions.

There are no further questions.

8. Exoneration of President, Vice President, and Financial Officer

The Chair proposes whether the General Assembly would like to exonerate Matthias Kirschner (2017-2018), Heiki Lõhmus (2017-2018), and Patrick Ohnewein (2017-2018) in a single vote.

All members of the General Assembly agreed.

No secret vote is requested.

Result: 23 for, 0 against, 1 abstention

The Chair notes that all executives of the FSFE – Matthias Kirschner, Heiki Lõhmus, and Patrick Ohnewein – have been duly exonerated.

9. Adoption of a conflict of interest policy

The members welcome the initiative to create a conflict of interest policy, but feel that the current proposal prepared by the council needs to be improved. The adoption is postponed.

10. Broadening the scope of FSFE (Alessandro Rubini)

Alessandro Rubini decided to withdraw the topic. All members present agreed.

11. Evaluating a re-brand of FSFE (Alessandro Rubini)

Alessandro Rubini decided to withdraw the topic. All members present agreed.

12. Agreement of priorities and allocation of funds for the provision of volunteer training

The General Assembly agrees to further proceed with the preparation of volunteer training modules on the based on the inputs by members. The executive is tasked with proposing a budgetary allocation for 2019.

13. Adoption of a diversity strategy

The General Assembly recognises the need for greater diversity in FSFE. However, the adoption of a diversity strategy is postponed due to the illness of the person responsible for its development.

14. Evaluate the use of Discourse in FSFE groups (Jan-Christoph Borchardt)

In order to enable the participation of a wider group of volunteers, the General Assembly encourages the FSFE's teams to experiment using the existing Discourse instance to evaluate if it works for our community or specific teams. An appropriate budget will be allocated in the 2019 budget to support the FSFE's Discourse team if needed, and staff will support the moderation of groups who want to try it out.

Result: 21 for, 0 against, 3 abstention

15. Miscellaneous

Reinhard Müller wants to thank the executive for the excellent work done during this year.

No further points requested.

16. Closing

The GA is officially closed at 09:36.

Signatures

Patrick Ohnewein (Minutes)

Matthias Kirschner (Chair)