

Direct Connect Network Foundation (DCNF) meeting protocol

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Present members

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Pretorian opened the meeting as interim meeting supervisor and all members announced their presence. All members accepted the by-laws.

Choice of meeting supervisor and secretary

Pretorian was elected meeting supervisor. Pretorian was elected meeting secretary.

Voting length

Voting length was set to two (2) minutes.

Choice of meeting vote counter and meeting protocol adjuster

poy was elected meeting vote counter. cologic was elected meeting protocol adjuster.

Fair announcement

All members agreed that the meeting was announced correctly.

Meeting items

Pretorian called for meeting item suggestions; poy, Crise, and Pretorian provided a list of items to go through. These items were:

1. Seeking legal advice from the EFF
2. Scheduling of recurring meetings and timetables
3. The state of the website and related organization services, problems and solutions
4. Review of last year's items and the organization's management of them

Board information

The organization's activities are deferred to the meeting item "Review of last year's items and the organization's management of them".

Pretorian reported the accounting and economic state of the organization. The organization had, at the time of the meeting, a balance of 222.48 €. The only purchase made for the organization was for the server that the organization uses for website and other services. The purchase was for 299.85 €.

Income:

- Donations and member fees: 522.33 €

Purchases:

- Server cost: 299.85 €

Auditors

Members of the board have audited the purchases and incoming transactions and due to the low amount of purchases, an external auditor has not been deemed necessary.

Discharging the board

The board was not discharged.

Member fees

The members decided that 10 € (Euro) per person per year shall be the member fee that all members shall pay.

Eventual plan

The organization's plan is deferred to the meeting item "Review of last year's items and the organization's management of them".

Board

Pretorian, Crise, and cologic were nominated and elected to the board.

eMTee was nominated but not elected to the board.

Stand-in board

poy and iceman50 were nominated and elected to the stand-in board.

eMTee was nominated but not elected to the stand-in board.

Treatment of motions and items

The items mentioned in "meeting items" are treated here and discussed.

Seeking legal advice from the EFF

DCNF will draft and send a list of questions to the EFF regarding legal advice.

The following questions should be addressed (among others):

1. Can DCNF members act contrary to the EFF's recommendations without endangering DCNF-supported projects?
2. Can DCNF *board* members do so without endangering DCNF-supported projects?
3. Can the DCNF accept projects the managers of which we suspect might have infringed on that EFF recommendation list without endangering DCNF-supported projects?

The information sent to EFF should also contain information about DC and DCNF as well as a detailed list of the potential entities and countries the organization may interact with (including but not limited to members, projects, and servers).

Votes: 4 votes to "yes", 0 votes to "no".

The board will select the person(s) that shall draft a document and communicate with the EFF.

Votes: 5 votes to "yes", 0 votes to "no".

Scheduling of recurring meetings and timetables

There will be meetings once a month that are "monthly" meetings, totaling 11 per year, excluding one for the annual meeting.

There will be 6 meetings, every other month, that at least one board member is required to attend.

These meetings will not be as formal as the annual meeting, but should contain a list of assigned tasks (to be completed by then) and a list of discussion items. The board shall follow up on assigned tasks.

Votes: 5 votes to “yes”, 0 votes to “no”.

Meetings shall be available for all members on the website and on an appropriate calendar service, such as Google Calendar, unless a better alternative is found.

Votes: 5 votes to “yes”, 0 votes to “no”.

The state of the website and related organization services, problems and solutions

The current server and services are highly dependent on maintenance and very little can be automated.

The organization will provide backup solutions for discussion meeting locations. The preferred discussion point shall be the current DC hub, other DC hubs, and IRC channels, in that order. An IRC-to-DC link may be employed. IRC channels shall be registered that may be suitable for the organization.

The organization will store static content, such as the website’s pages, in a revision control system, such as Git, preferring to store the content on an external source before storing on a local one.

The organization may also store static content for backup as, e.g., Dropbox content.

Two questions were voted on:

Shall static pages, where possible, be stored on a revision control system?

Votes: 5 votes to “yes”, 0 votes to “no”.

Shall the organization prefer external revision control systems or local?

Votes: 4 votes to “external”, 0 votes to “local”.

The details of the revision control system shall be further discussed. A presentation and suggestions will be made outlining potential alternatives.

Review of last year’s items and the organization’s management of them

Content of the website

The website has been updated to include meetings, an FAQ, by-laws, and other resources. They are available at:

www.dcbase.org/meetings

www.dcbase.org/faq

www.dcbase.org/bylaws

www.dcbase.org/resources

The content, rather than the structure, of the website was discussed.

A file will be available through the website to show the chat history of the DCNF hub.

Activities of the DCNF (blog, social media presence...)

Further activities will be made for the YouTube account, providing video without sound and more. No further specific activity occurred.

Acceptance of supported projects (type (programs, protocols...), workflow...)

The board has not completed a structure of what services will be allowed and as such, little has happened regarding this item.

A re-evaluation will be done once the external static management is completed.

Separation between the foundation and supported projects (legal, in particular)

Discussed already; no further action has been taken.

Hosting hubs/repositories/websites etc

These are the same as "Acceptance of supported projects".

Ways to find new members

Little has been done to recruit people. Posts on Reddit have been created.

Involvement of the DCNF in DC protocols

Work in progress, protocol information is being moved continually.

Buying the services of developers

Not done at all.

Mobile/web-based DC-related programs

Not done at all.

A draft will be completed to be able to be sent to university professors (and the like) to have a university student thesis built around mobile/web-based programs.

Contacting well-known tech bloggers

Not done at all.

DC and businesses

Not done at all.

Copyright management for DC plugins

Work in progress; copyright management is being moved continually.

Jacek Sieka (arnetheduck) will be contacted regarding potential copyright issues with the Plugin API.

Old domains

Not done at all.

The dcbase.org domain shall be transferred from Pretorian to the organization.

Additional items

Any additional items that had not yet been addressed but were not mentioned previously

Use a public service for meetings (unreliability of the hub)

This is addressed in “The state of the website and related organization services, problems and solutions”.

Announcements of donations

The organization shall do a better job of announcing donations (from whom and possibly how much), to encourage more people to donate. Blog posts shall be made, but should not be so frequent as to clutter the blog.

Those who donate via DC++, or donate to DCFN through DC++ resources, may have their information displayed in the changelog/installer etc, where possible and appropriate.

The DCFN website shall also display donations where appropriate.

Member list

The board members, as well as the total member count, shall be displayed on the website. The full member list shall not be publicly available.

DC++ blog

The DC++ blog, owned by current DCFN members, shall move from a DC++-centric blog to a more generic DC blog suited for the DCFN.

Monthly meetings

Monthly meetings will be held the first Sunday of every month (barring major holidays, etc), 19.00 CET. The website shall also reflect the meetings.

Action list

An action list was created, for items to address until the next monthly meeting:

- E-mail to EFF shall be drafted, ready to send (or, possibly, have been sent)
- Investigate shifting website to a VCS for storage (includes presentation of options)
- Website should contain board member list and total member count
- Website should contain calendar and upcoming meetings
- Update of the forum software
- Investigate setting up an IRC channel
- Further HTTPS conversion management
- Address re-branding of the blog