

2020 GENERAL ASSEMBLY MINUTES

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People attending the meeting

- Alexander Kukushkin (CyberDem0n)
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- Andreas Kluth (andreaskluth)
- Andreas Scherbaum (ads)
- Balázs Bárány (balazs_barany)
- Boriss Mejias (bmejias)
- Bruno Friedmann (tigerfoot)
- Chris Ellis (intrbiz)
- Christian Freund (chrisl23l23)
- Christoph Moench-Tegeger (cmt_)
- Craig Healey (Craig)
- Dave Page (pgSnake)
- Edco Wallet (edcowallet)
- Eric Veldhuyzen ([Terra])
- Gunnar “Nick” Bluth (nickbluth)
- Ilaria Battiston (ila)
- Ilya Kosmodemiansky (hydrobiont)
- Jimmy Angelakos (vyruss)
- Julien Rouhaud (rjuju)
- Karen Jex (karenj)
- Lætitia Avrot (laetitia)
- Magnus Hangander (magnush)
- Markus Wanner (markus_wanner)
- Matthijs van der Vleuten (Zr40)
- Michael Christofides (michristofides)
- Michał Małecki (mithnae)
- Nicolas Lutic (nlutic)
- Patrik Hall (pateh)
- Pavlo Golub (pasha_golub)
- Robert Ivens (Possible)
- Stefan Fercot (pgstef)
- Stefan Kaltenbrunner (mastermind)
- Stefanie Janine Stölting (stefanie)
- Thomas Spoelstra (thomas-optimadat)
- Tobias Bussmann (TobiasBussmann)

The first GA, which happened on June, 15th, 2020, didn't meet the quorum. These minutes are for the second GA meeting. As such, no quorum is needed. Thus, the meeting is valid.

Magnus Hagander is the president and Lætitia Avrot is the secretary of the GA

meeting.

Meeting starts at 21:02 (2020-06-22), on the IRC network freenode.net, channel #pgeu-ga2020. Language is English, the report is available in English and French.

The agenda is:

- activities report for 2019,
- financial report for 2019,
- 2020 activities.

Activities report

Magnus Hagander gave a brief summarization of the Activities report.

Several questions were asked:

- Do you have a ‘no return’ date as of deciding if PgconfEU will be canceled or not?
 - Before 2020-07-20 and before 2020-09-20 we need to make a decision if we continue with planning the event.
- Any plans for any virtual events, if we have to cancel the main pg eu conf?
 - We have no such plans at this time. The decision that has been made is that pgconfeu itself will *not* go virtual.
- What kind of financial risk to we have with canceling at the latest point?
 - 2020-07-20: 50% and 2020-09-20: 75% (of what we owe the hotel) - in theory. Of course there might be other costs at this point, like t-shirts etc... There is also a cutoff like the week before the event, but at that point we’re on the line for 90 or 95% of the total cost, which is basically the same as not canceling. We hope that if we can cancel it, we can have a discussion about moving the event into 2021 and recover the costs. Our belief is that we have enough of a buffer in the bank to survive a full cancellation without any return of costs, but it is still something we’d like to avoid. We’ll do our best to minimize it. But we will not have to “run the event for financial reasons”.
- Is there also an attendee cutoff? Eg if less than 100(?) attendees remain before the start of the conference because of cancellations?
 - We have not set a specific number for that. There is no minimum for the hotel, but the cost-par-attendee at some point becomes unhandlable.
- Will there be any precautions in place at the pg.eu conf? Or is this in the planning pipeline?
 - This is not decided upon yet. It is something that we will plan out together with the venue, based on the situation as we get closer. There will certainly be *some*.

Votes for approval: 34 voted Yes out of 35 present in the channel. 1 didn’t vote.

Thus, the activities report is approved.

Financial report

Lætitia Avrot gave a brief summarization of the Financial report.

Several questions were asked:

- Why does it look like fosdem/pgday is losing us money?
 - Because it is. We do “intentionally loose money” on that one – it’s the one event where we don’t target profit. It is one of our main reach-out-to-people-outside-our-normal-community events. We only charge €50 for the friday event for example – to make sure that non-postgres people who happen to be in Brussels for fosdem can attend without cost being the reason not to. We also pay for a developer meeting where senior PostgreSQL developers (committers and major patch developers) work for a day on finalizing the upcoming postgres version, which is part of this cost summary as well.
- Does it look like we have enough buffer to cope with the covid 19 situation for this year?
 - Typical turnover for a pgconfeu is around 250kEUR, and we have about 200k in the bank. But that’s 250k total turnover, and we know we won’t have *all* expenses no matter how bad things go.
- About the accounting, with the increased work coming for VAT (EU) in the different country, what would be the raised of the cost (if already estimated) ?
 - We have no indication yet.
- What kind of insurances do we have?
 - We have a generic “events insurance”. It covers our liabilities *during* events. (It wouldn’t cover the cancellation of the event).

Votes for approval: 31 voted Yes out of 34 present in the channel. 3 didn’t vote.

Thus, the financial report is approved.

Next years’s activities

Magnus Hagander gave a brief summarization of next year’s activities (see the Activities report).

There was no question regarding next year’s activities.

No votes

Meeting ends at 22:13.

- Magnus Hagander, President
- Lætitia Avrot, Treasurer