

# General Assembly of Free Software Foundation Europe e.V.

6 November 2020, Online through Openslides, the Internet

## Opening by the Chair

Time: 16:07

By invitation sent on 8 September 2020 we have come together for our General Assembly on Friday 6 November 2020.

Members attending the assembly:

1. Albert Dengg
2. Amandine "Cryptie"
3. André Ockers
4. Bernhard Reiter
5. Björn Schießle
6. Carsten Agger
7. Giacomo Poderi
8. Florian Snow
9. Gian-Maria Daffré
10. Heiki Lõhmus
11. Jonas Öberg
12. Karsten Gerloff
13. Matija Šuklje
14. Matthias Kirschner
15. Max Mehl
16. Patrick Ohnewein
17. Polina Malaja
18. Reinhard Müller
19. Torsten Grote
20. Vincent Lequertier

Members not attending but who delegated their vote:

1. Erik Albers (assigned his vote to Max Mehl)

## Agenda

1. Greeting
2. Determination of quorum

3. Adoption of the agenda
4. Approval of minutes of the General Assembly of 2019 in Essen
5. Report of the Executive Council
6. Information on the status of the amendments to the constitution
7. Information about departing members
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  - Shane Martin Coughlan
  - Jan-Christoph Borchardt
  - Ulrike Sliwinski
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  - Vincent Lequertier
  - André Ockers
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9. Exoneration of President, Vice President, and Financial Officer
10. Miscellaneous
11. Closing

## Greetings

- The assembly is officially opened at 16:16 CET.
- The Chair welcomes all present to the General Assembly.

## Determination of the quorum

20 of 26 members are present. 1 member is absent, but represented by a member present.

The Chair notes that the invitation has been sent on time on 8 September 2020, and after feedback by members about the time an updated one on 24 September. Of the current 26 members 21 members are either present or represented. The Chair declares the General Assembly to be quorate.

## Adoption of the agenda

The chair asks if there are further additions to the agenda.

No further additions to the agenda requested.

The Chair puts the agenda to a vote. No secret vote requested.

**Result: 20 for, 0 against, 1 abstention**

The agenda is adopted.

## Approval of minutes of the General Assembly of 2019 in Essen

The Members beforehand read the minutes of the General Assembly from 12 October 2019 in Essen, Germany.

The Chair asks the members to approve the minutes through vote.

**Result: 16 for, 0 against, 5 abstentions**

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

## 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 about the FSFE's last 12 months and hold Q&A sessions about it.

The Chair asks whether there are further questions.

There are no further questions.

## Information on the status of the amendments to the constitution

As already reported before the meeting the process of registering the new constitution was prolonged, mainly due to the pandemic. The Council is currently waiting for an approval by the finance authorities for the changes in the purpose and for the dissolution. As soon as we have an approval there we will translate the approved version into English and register it to make the changes official.

## Information about departing members

The chair thanks the outgoing members Jan-Christoph Borchardt, Shane Martin Coughlan, Hugo Roy, and Ulrike Sliwinski for their involvement as members of the association. The chair is happy that Jan-Christoph, Hugo, and Ulrike plan to stay active in working or local groups of the FSFE.

## Confirmation of new members

### *Vincent Lequertier*

The Chair notes that Vincent Lequertier 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 to the vote.

Secret vote has been requested.

**Result: 19 for, 0 against, 1 abstention**

Thereby the membership is confirmed.

### *André Ockers*

The Chair notes that André Ockers 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 to the vote.

Secret vote has been requested.

**Result: 16 for, 0 against, 4 abstentions**

Thereby the membership is confirmed.

### *Carsten Agger*

The Chair notes that Carsten Agger 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 to the vote.

Secret vote has been requested.

**Result: 18 for, 0 against, 2 abstentions**

Thereby the membership is confirmed.

## ***Gian-Maria Daffré***

The Chair notes that Gian-Maria Daffré 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 to the vote.

Secret vote has been requested.

**Result: 12 for, 0 against, 8 abstentions**

Thereby the membership is confirmed.

## **Exoneration of President, Vice President, and Financial Officer**

The Chair asks whether the General Assembly would like to exonerate Matthias Kirschner (2019-2020), Heiki Löhmus (2019-2020), and Patrick Ohnewein (2019-2020) in a single vote.

**Result: 19 for, 1 against, 1 abstention**

The chair decides to split the vote and have secret votes.

The chair puts the exoneration of the President to a vote:

**Result: 17 for, 1 against, 3 abstentions**

The chair puts the exoneration of the Vice President to a vote:

**Result: 19 for, 1 against, 1 abstention**

The chair puts the exoneration of the Financial Officer to a vote:

**Result: 21 for, 0 against, 0 abstentions**

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

## **Miscellaneous**

Heiki Löhmus thanks the volunteers for their contribution. He says it has been a challenging year. He is impressed with the quality of contributions from all volunteers and thanks them for their contributions to the organisation. He has complete confidence in the volunteers, who are awesome.

Heiki Löhmus gives a short update from the CARE team: In February, the FSFE's CARE Team had a meeting in Brussels, during FOSDEM, to discuss various topics, including membership and coordination of the CARE Team, and any cases within the FSFE's communities that needed follow-up action.

Additionally, the CARE Team decided that it will no longer take on Code of Conduct (CoC) decisions specifically for the FSFE's Legal Network community. Ensuring adherence of Legal Network members to the Legal Network CoC would instead be carried out by the Legal Coordinator, Deputy Legal Coordinator, and the Legal Network Council. This decision was made after a CoC case in the Legal Network was handled by the CARE Team in 2019, which led to discomfort within both the Legal Network and the CARE Team. As the Legal Network has been a community insulated from the FSFE's other work, both the CARE Team and Legal Network members felt that decisions that apply to Legal Network members should be made by community members, hence the change. The Legal Network Council has since then come up with a set of procedures that have been shared with the Legal Network.

Albert Dengg wants to thank Heiki and mentions that for him the year was challenging as well. It seems to be harder for him to actually plan for a consistent engagement and he would have loved to contribute more and hopes to be able to do so in the coming months.

# Closing

The chair closes the GA officially at **17:01**.

Signatures

Patrick Ohnewein (Minutes)

Matthias Kirschner (Chair)