

Meeting Minutes of the 2021 Annual General Assembly meeting of the Internet Society Switzerland Chapter

Date / Time

Monday, 2021-July-5
17:00 - 18:04

Location

[Zoom](#)

Due to the ongoing pandemic, the GA was held online and recorded with the permission of the members to facilitate note taking.

Agenda: <https://www.isoc.ch/events/annual-general-assembly-2021>

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- Welcome, explanation of the voting procedures, election of vote counters (10')
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One vote counter volunteered.

There are 15 voters in the room at the time of volunteer election.

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- Approval the General Assembly 2020 minutes (5')
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The meeting minutes were approved*:

12 in favor

0 against

3 abstained

* 15 ISOC members were present at the time of voting.

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- Presentation & ratification of Activity report and financial statement (15')
 - Board Reports
 - Financial Statement
 - Oversight Committee
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- Board Reports
 - [ISOC.ch Activity Report 2020](#)

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15 in favor
0 against
1 abstained

** 16 ISOC members were present at the time of voting.

No questions or remarks were expressed.

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- Financial statement
- Oversight Committee
- Acceptance of the Financial Statement

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Imai Jen-La Plante, Chair, gave high level presentation of the Assets and Liabilities and the P&L Statement 2020.

Michael Hausding, Treasurer, explained the details, more specifically the capital gains, in the P&L Statement 2020.

Alexander Suter, member of the Oversight Committee, considers the balance statement in line. He recommended the assembly to approve the balance sheet.

12 in favor
0 against
4 abstained

** 16 ISOC members were present at the time of voting.

No questions or remarks were expressed.

The financial statement was approved, and the financial report was accepted.

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- Discussion of grant proposals 2021 (10')

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Imai Jen-La Plante, Chair, gave an overview of the grant proposals and reminded the participants that application is open for the community to request grant funding. She has also informed the participants about forming an oversight committee to administer the grants. The participants were encouraged to contact the board with grant proposal ideas.

Stephane Coillet-Matillon, Executive Director of Kiwix.org, gave a brief introduction and explained the grant proposal the organization is seeking.

A question was raised on how the project connected to ISOC ecosystem. Stephane explained the offline platform that brings internet content to people with poor and/or no internet connectivity by converting entire websites (i.e. Wikipedia) to the offline openzim format and concluded his remarks by saying that the organization is indeed in line with the ISOC mission.

Another question was raised about how the funds would be spent. Stephane answered that the funds would be spent on fixes, technical tools, bug bounties.

A question was raised for what kind of grant Kiwix was looking to apply.

Another question was raised where the contents of Wikipedia was stored - on the server or locally. Stephane answered that both options were possible.

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- Presentation and approval of Budget 2021 (5')
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Imai Jen-La Plante, Chair, went through the Budget 2021-line items and gave more details on the Cost to run isoc.ch. The funds are planned to be used to move the existing content to a more stable platform as a complete overhaul would require more funding.

A question was raised if isoc.ch would remain on WordPress. The participants were informed that no decision was reached so far and that the board was open to suggestions. The participants were encouraged to contact the board with ideas, suggestions.

Vote on Budget**:

16 in favor
0 against
0 abstained

** 16 ISOC members were present at the time of voting.

The budget was approved.

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- Release from obligations of Board members (5')
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8 in favor
0 against
8 abstained (of which 6 were existing board members)
** 16 ISOC members were present at the time of voting.

The current board is released.

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- Elections (10')
- Members of the Board
- Members of the Oversight Committee

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After motion to vote members collectively was passed, the board was voted collectively.

- Chair: Panayotis Antoniadis
- Vice-Chair: Markus Kummer
- Secretary: Berna Alp
- Treasurer: Michael Hausding
- Organizational Member: Marianthe Stavridou
- Organizational Member: Imai Jen-La Plante
- Organizational Member: Stefane Coillet-Matillon
- Organization Development:
- Head of Strategy & Public Affairs: Ursula Wyss

- 16 in favor
- 0 against
- 0 abstained
- ** 16 ISOC members were present at the time of voting.

The oversight committee was voted collectively to stay as last year:
Alexandre Suter
Charles Geiger
Juerg Inniger

- 15 in favor
- 0 against
- 1 abstained
- ** 16 ISOC members were present at the time of voting.

One of the attendees congratulated the board and thanked the Board members for their work.

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- AOB (5')
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Panos Antoniadis, the newly elected Chair, gave a brief presentation about 7@7 events, the format as well as the content. These events are designed as round table gatherings for the community to meet and participate in community building. ISOC Switzerland members were encouraged to join the next VIT Labs event on July 7, at 7@7.digital where ISOC CH Chapter and the members will have an opportunity to connect and learn more about each other and the Chapter and amplify the community.

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- Closing (3')
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Panos Antoniadis, newly elected Chair, gave the closing remarks.

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Minutes taken by
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