Minutes annual members-meeting

Date   The report is written on 2014-09-22

Meeting nr.	4
Meeting date	2014-09-12
Place	Bassenge, Belgium
Present	A. Braslau, W. Egger, F. Goddijn, M. Guravage, T. Hala, H. Hagen, T. Hoekwater, H. König, J. Kula, S. Knypstra, S. Mahajan, M. Miklavec, L. Scarso, M. Schröder, W. Schuster, M. Voipio
Excused	Jörg Hagmann, Peter Münster, Miguel Querios, Henning Hraban Ramm, Arthur Reutenauer, Th. Schmitz

1. Opening

Opening of the meeting: 21:06

2. Agenda

- Opening

- List of presence

- Agenda

- Minutes of members meeting 2013

- Announcements

- Financial year from 01-01-2012 to 31-08-2013 (partial year do to the change to the academic year)
  Financial year from 01-09-2013 to 31-08-2014 (academic year)

- Budget 2014/2015 (academic year)

- Board elections

  The president is re-electable for another 3 year.

  Peter Münster is re-electable for another 3 year

- Project for producing updated manuals (Sanjoy)

- Context journal

- Context meeting 2015

- Questions and comments by members

- Closing

3. Agenda

The agenda is projected with the beamer. The assembly has no amendments to this.

4. List of participants

The secretary asks all present members to sign on the circulating list.

5. Minutes of the membermeeting 2013

The secretary reads the minutes to the audience. The minutes are accepted without amendments.

Check on the actions contained in the minutes of 2013

- Financial situation: The year 2013 was ended with positive results, so no deficit has to be declared.

- Academic year: In the minutes it is stated that the academic year would be from october 1st to september 30th. This is now changed to **september 1st to august 31st.**

- Proceedings 2013 (Brejlov, Czech Republic): Jano was not able to collect articles from the speakers. There will not be an issue of our magazine for 2013. The most interesting articles of the Brejlov meeting will however be included in the proceedings of the the meeting 2014. - Instead of the proceedings the members get a copy of the book "TeX by topic".

  Another issue is, that the chief redactor for our magazine (John Haltiwanger) is barely reachable. So far he was unable to perform any work for us. We will have to ask him to resign from his position and ask him wether he still wants to be a board-member. As mentioned in the previous year's minutes Alan Braslau is willing to take over the position. Alan explicitly mentions that he needs support specially reminding him when things need to be done.

- In the minutes it is stated that we might organize a meeting farther away. Jano looked into the possibilities to book last minute flights. It does not appear to be a viable option.

Action	Description
Willi/Taco	Contact John Haltiwanger and ask him to resign from his function as a chief redactor and ask whether he wants to stay in the board.

6. Announcements

There are no announcements to be made.

7. Finances

Due to the change to the academic year for the reporting of the finances two reports are presented on screen.

Financial report 2012/2013 (being 20 months)
Financial report 2013/2014 (being 12 months)

It can be concluded, that we start to have some savings. Within the next few years we will be able to cover expenses for the organization of a conference without having to depend on the support of third parties.

Memberships:

2012/2013   24
2014/2015   35

It is expected that we will have another corporate member this year.

The financial reporting is accepted by the assembly unanimously.

8. Budget 2014/2015

It is expected that the income/expenses will be comparable to this year's budget. We will have to produce and ship the proceedings which will be the main amount to be spent.

The budget as presented is accepted unanimously by the assembly.

9. Board elections

Taco Hoekwater is sitting in the board for 3 years, so he is re-electable for another three years. - The assembly confirms his position with a big applause.

Peter Münster is sitting in the board for 3 years, the assembly re-elects him with applause.

10. Project for producing updated manuals

1. Manuals

During the conference one evening is spent with discussing the issue of updating the existing manuals. Sanjoy Mahajan leads the discussion and provides a summary of it to the assembly. – The conclusion of this discussion is, that the "big" manual needs to be brought up to the latest developments. There is no need to have one thick book. There will be several books with about 200 pages, dealing with specific topics.– In fact there are already two books in this way: "Fonts in Context" and "Layouts in Context". The list of topics is as follows:

Tables (Taco, Willi)
Sectioning (Wolfgang, Jano)
Graphics (Mojca, Alan, Frans)

The manuals will deal with MKIV only.

Editors will work with a Git-repository. Existing manuals will be put in the repository as well. Furthermore versions of the pdfs will be inserted into "nb" (Nota Bene) at MIT (Sanjoy). The latter system allows easy editing once comments are inserted into the pdfs. - When prerelease versions will be in "nb", we will invite a larger audience to join in for commenting.

The existing manual "Excursion" remains and is under reconstruction.

Sanjoy is going to write a very restricted introductory manual with something like 50 pages.

2. Wiki

The Wiki is still a combination of MKII and MKIV. – There should come a split between the two versions of ConTₑXt.

We will have to see how to organize this and find volunteers to work on it.

Action	Description
Mojca	setup the repository on Git
Taco	put the existing files into Git
Sanjoy	write the introductory manual
Teams	plan and start working on the topics
Board	Reorganize the wiki, how, who?

11. Journal

This point is discussed under the Check-up in point "Minutes of the membermeeting 2013", page 2.

12. Context meeting 2015

Alan is willing to organize the meeting 2015 in the centre/south of France. The aim is to organize the meeting in the 2nd or 3rd week of september. The meeting will take place in a rural area at a horse riding centre.

There is an idea for a theme: "Taming TₑX"

Alan will provide preliminary information within 3 weeks to Taco.

Action	Description
Alan	Provide preliminary information to Taco for the next ConTₑXt meeting

13. Questions and comments from the assembly

Sanjoy   How can we increase the use of ConTₑXt?
         Different voices from the assembly mentioned first the struggle-points we have to deal with:

- the use of L^AT_EX is part of the curriculum during studies.
- journals/publishers are only used to accept L^AT_EX makeup.
- There is a general decrease in asking for make-up in a specific way. Often articles are simply rewritten in the format required by the accepting party.

On the other hand there are also opportunities:

- in the meantime XML is widely used and accepted. ConT_EXt is perfectly suitable to provide such XML-files.
- e-readers are getting better. The epub format might become an opportunity for publishing with ConT_EXt.
- the group's website could contain a page where visitors can find links to user-pages who use ConT_EXt.
- on the group's website one could place a gallery.

Willi   We would like to thank Taco and his company for the sponsoring of the aprons (22 pieces). Big applause.

14. Closing

The meeting is closed at 21:56

Willi Egger
Secretary Context Group