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# Minutes annual members-meeting

**Date** This report is written on 2017-09-27 by Arthur Reutenauer and Taco Hoekwater

**Meeting nr.** 7

**Meeting date** 2017-09-13

**Place** Butzbach-Maibach, Germany

**Present** A. Braslau, M. Farinella, F. Goddijn, M. Guravage, T. Hála, H. Hagen, T. Hoekwater, H. König, J. Kula, M. Miklavec, H. H. Ramm, L. Scarso, V. Schaa, T. Schmitz, A. Reutenauer, M. Voipio

**Excused** Willi Egger

## 1. Opening

Opening of the meeting: 16:05

## 2. List of presence

A sheet of paper is circulated where members and guests mark down their name and signature.

## 3. Agenda

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4. Announcements
5. Minutes of members meeting 2016
6. Activities of the group during 2016-2017 (secretary)
7. Financial year from 01-09-2016 to 31-08-2017 (academic year)(treasurer)
8. Budget 2017/2018 (academic year)(treasurer)
9. Board elections
10. Board functions
11. Journal editor

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Its goal is to foster development of Context and supporting its use.



12. Context meeting 2018
13. Thanking this year's organizer
14. Questions and comments by members
15. Closing

The agenda is projected with the beamer. The agenda is accepted as-is.

#### **4. Announcements**

- Conference gifts

The president invites the participants to collect their conference gifts: A flower pot with tulip bowls and a sticker of this year's Duane Bibby drawing. Also, there are some cake-plates left over from last year's meeting in Kalenberg. If you manage to grow tulips, please send a photo to the ConT<sub>E</sub>Xt mailing list.

#### **5. Minutes of the membermeeting 2016**

In absence of the secretary Willi Egger, the president Taco Hoekwater presents the minutes to the audience, while they are projected with the beamer. Willi is preparing to move house and could therefore not attend the meeting, but he sends greetings to all attendants.

There are a couple of comments to the minutes:

- Finances

The partial bitcoin was sold relatively recently. Fortunately, the value turned out higher than at the time we decided on selling.

- Budget 2015/2016

A new hard drive was inserted in the server; the system administrator at the Jozef Stefan Institute received a gift as compensation.

- Board elections

Last year's board membership updates are still in the process of being acknowledged by the French officials.

- Manuals

The various planned manuals still in the works. Henning Hraban Ramm is working on a book in German for the DANTE series, written from a designer's perspective.

The minutes are unanimously accepted by the assembly.



## 6. Activities of the group 2016/2017

The activity report by the secretary is displayed using the beamer while the president presents it to the audience. There are a couple of related comments.

- The last copies of the Nasbinals proceedings have finally been sent out to the members. In the future the secretary will send all of them out in a single batch, to prevent the logistical problems we had as a result of trying to save a little bit of money on postage.
- Taco Hoekwater took over from Mojca Miklavc as treasurer; Jano Kula is willing to step in as president of the group. Mojca is still on the board, now as a regular board member.
- On the way back from BachoTeX 2017, Luigi Scarso's car was broken into, amongst other things resulting in the theft of the hardcopy archive of the treasurer. We currently have a paperless treasury office.
- Two new members already registered and one cancellation was received for the upcoming (2017–2018) period.

## 7. Finances

Memberships:

2015/2016 34

2016/2017 43

One regular user and one corporate user were retroactively expelled following the decision made during the Kalenberg membership meeting on September 30, 2016. The resulting loss in income over the periods 2014/2015 and 2015/2016 was 480 Euro. During an extra verification contact before scratching their database entries, the two other to-be-expelled members indicated they really wanted to remain as members, and a payment plan was agreed upon.

During the 2016/2017 period, nine new regular members registered.

The ConTeXt group equity on the balance sheet is now 4.610 Euro, up 173 Euro from last period's (reverse engineered) balance.

The ConTeXt-meeting in Kalenberg ended with a positive result of 317 Euro. After subtraction of all costs from the previous period the 2015/2016 budget is closed with a positive of 74,32 Euro, although the calendric result was negative by 1.102,43 Euro.

The calendric result was heavily influenced by the costs for the Nasbinals journal as well as the difference in budgets between the Kalenberg meeting and this meeting.

It is noted that the font used for the presented financial sheets has weird figure widths. Certain columns are not aligned vertically.

Thomas Schmitz asks if there is a limit to the amount of money we can keep in the bank account. As far as the board knows, that amount is set so high that we will not ever have to worry about hitting the limit. In



any case, we do not plan to amass more funds than we currently have available, as the amount suffices to cover ongoing expenses during the year.

The financial reporting is accepted unanimously by the assembly.

## 8. Budget 2017/2018

The meeting in 2017 is expected to be close to budget neutral thanks to a promised donation from DANTE, but still the budget has a 100 Euro deficit to compensate. Attendance for the 2017 meeting was low, effectively driving the costs up.

Thomas Schmitz asks whether a printed journal is necessary.

A discussion follows about making the PDF available online and offering people to opt out of the paper version. The savings could be used to (and should be advertised as a means to) support T<sub>E</sub>X-related projects.

The budget as presented is accepted unanimously by the assembly.

- Actions

Action	Description
Taco	Work out how to set up a members-only part of the group website for PDF distribution
board	Send a message to cg-members explaining the new on-line only option

## 9. Board elections

This year two members of the board are re-electable: Taco Hoekwater and Peter Münster.

Both board-members are re-elected unanimously.

A note for the future: In 2019 the founding board members have to retire because they reach the end of their re-election terms. It would make sense if some board members instead retired to 2018 so that they can come back onboard in 2019, thus ensuring continuity. Also, we should call for volunteers.

## 10. Board functions

Starting now, Jano Kula will be the president, Taco Hoekwater treasurer, and Mojca Miklavc a regular board member. Effectively, Taco has taken over from Mojca as treasurer since last May.

## 11. Journal editor

Thomas Schmitz volunteers to be editor in chief of next year's journal!

- Actions

Action	Description	Done
Thomas	Collect articles from this meeting and possibly other sources	
Taco	Publish the PDFs of the 2016 proceedings	



## **12. ConTēXt meeting 2018**

The meeting next year will be in the Czech Republic, organised by Jano Kula. Brejlov is not in operation any more so Jano is looking for other options. He wonders whether a two hour drive more from Prague would be too much for the Dutch participants? They say it would not make much of a difference.

Jano will come up with a proposal before the end of the year. Expected arrival date is Sunday evening, departure on Saturday morning. Some time in September as usual. There is no way to cater for everybody's commitments, but he will try to find the best possible schedule, also taking into account financial considerations. Final dates will be announced as soon as possible.

A short discussion is held on how to attract more people to the meetings, with no clear conclusion except that active advertising on the mailing list seems to have helped in the past.

No theme for the 2018 meeting has been set yet.

## **13. Thanking this year's organizer**

Taco expresses our thanks for the work done, the location, the good food, and the excursion. Hraban has done an excellent job.

Hans uses this moment to give this years drawings of Duane Bibby.

Hraban receives the coloured original of this year's theme: "ConTēXt gardening". Mojca obtains the black and white version.

## **14. Questions and comments from the assembly**

There are no questions or comments from the assembly.

## **15. Closing**

The meeting is closed at 17:50

Willi Egger  
*Secretary Context Group*