

Minutes of the PCSC meeting of 2020 Nov 27, 13:00 CET.

Agenda: the agenda was accepted.

The committee welcomed its two new members: Piyali Chatterjee and Philippe Bourdin.

1. Election of the chair person of the new committee

- Matthias initiated the process
- Matthias, Axel, Piyali, and Philippe declared themselves as unavailable
- Nils is elected with four votes and one blank vote.

2. Secretary of the meeting

- Philippe will write the minutes.

3. Addendum to the ToR

- Discussion if the term of a chair person should be half of the term of the committee. This means to rotate the chair after 1.5 years instead of 2 years.

- Discussion on the chair person election procedure.

Decision: Everybody should declare availability first, the committee members then gives their vote openly.

- Discussion on the procedure for the runoff election. The committee agrees to include the runoff election procedure in the ToR if there is a tie.

- Discussion on what should be the procedure if even the runoff election ends with a tie. It could be decided by a coin toss or a special person or committee that could consider other reasons. Alternatively, the observer person could decide on the further procedure.

Decision: The committee agrees to work out a formulation and propose to the owners. Matthias will distribute the first draft of the formulation to the committee for their input. When the committee has reached an agreement on the formulation, the chair person will inform the group of owners and ask them to inform the committee if they have objections.

4. Code of Conduct (CoC) & pull request

- Discussion if we should switch from version 1.4 to 2.0, which has more details on possible sanctions.

Decision: If none objects within one week, Philippe will apply the new version and do the pull request to list the Pencil Code as an adopter of the CoC.

- Proposition to amend the ToR that in case of conflict, an independent committee should be established that follows the rules of modern societies, where legislative and judicative powers are to be separated.

Decision: Matthias will draft the corresponding text and distribute it to the committee for their feedback.

5. JOSS Paper review

- The pre & actual review process are public:
 - * <https://github.com/openjournals/joss-reviews/issues/2684>
 - * <https://github.com/openjournals/joss-reviews/issues/2807>
- Issues have been opened against the pencil-code repository. Axel will alert the relevant people to work on individual open issues.

6. 3rd issue of the Pencil Code Newsletter

- Axel reports on preliminary results of the NAG performance analysis and open tasks at NAG and their recommendations on architectural changes in the Pencil Code. We wait for the final report.
- Discussion on future HDF5 output strategies for very large setups. Philippe looks for more advanced options for the HDF5 library.
- An informal meeting for further questions (called *Pencil Code office hours*) is planned for 2021 Jan 8, 13:00 CET.
- Automatic webpage update via cronjob, if possible.

7. Next meeting will be announced after we know about the next PC user meeting. If the corona situation allows for physical meetings next summer, the venue for the next Pencil Code user meeting will be Glasgow.

Closure of the meeting by 2020 Nov 27, 15:00 CET.