

# Presidents Report for 2015 to 2016

## Summary

Looking back over this past year, there have been few major things to highlight in the presidents report. The major item was the loss of our treasurer to real life. The impact of this is discussed below.

The Gentoo Foundation Inc. filed its annual reports in good time and remains in good standing in New Mexico.

## Gentoo Trademark License Agreement

Swift has been leading efforts to align the Gentoo Trademark License Agreement with best practice in the FOSS world. This was discussed among the trustees before being posted to the-nfp list for public discussion. It was since successfully adopted.

The new Gentoo Trademark License Agreement is not retrospective.

## Foundation 503(c)(3) Tax Status

The 503(c)(3) application process has become prolonged as the IRS has a large backlog of applications and those from FOSS organisations that have been reviewed have mostly been rejected. With the loss of our application to date, together with our treasurer and CPA, the difficulty in being approved, no 503(c)(3) application has yet been submitted. Much of the work to date will need to be repeated.

Luckily, Dave Abbott was able to introduce us to Bob Conti who is presently attempting to reconstruct this and unravel our tax filings for past years.

robbat2 has taken on the office of treasurer and is in the process of regaining control of all of the foundation funds.

## Status Gentoo Foundation Inc.

With the loss of Matt Summers both as an officer and a trustee, the bus factor of the Foundation increased significantly.

David Abbott was brought back to the board and kept his secretary office.

That is six people involved in running the Foundation rather than the eight at this time last year, which is a bit of a backward step.

## August 2014 Trustee Election Results

Thank you to

- dabbott                      David Abbott
- jcallen                        Jonathan Callen
- prometheanfire            Matt Thode
- xaviermiller                Xavier Miller

for contesting the election.

Congratulations to

- dabbott                      David Abbott
- prometheanfire            Matt Thode

on being elected to the board of trustees for a two year term.

There is plenty to do for jcallen and xaviermiller too. They need not be trustees to contribute to the affairs of the Foundation.

## Foundation Activity Tracker

The Foundation Activity Tracker is in the care and maintenance of the Secretary. It has proved its worth over the past few years.

This tool reminds both Officers and Trustees of what needs to be done and when which reduces the reliance of the proper operation of the Foundation on individuals memory. This in turn is good for the Boards 'Bus Factor'.

## Board Meetings

Board Meetings are generally held 3rd Sunday in the month at 19:00 UTC with the exception of the June meeting which would otherwise fall on Fathers day.

## Freenode #gentoo-trustees

Members have voice in #gentoo-trustees. During the course of the last year, Freenode flushed unused nicknames. Several members are no longer registered on Freenode. There is a risk that members nicks that were dropped have been reallocated to other users.

## Purchased Advertising

We have have had several cases of non Gentoo users asking to buy advertising on gentoo.org during the year.

In line with the trustees mandate from members, these have been considered on their merits but have all been refused.

## Closing Remarks

With eight active years behind us, the Foundation has shown that its a reliable active body. Both Gentoo and the Gentoo Foundation Inc. need to attract more members who are interested in the various facets of business administration to ensure the long term continuity of the Gentoo Foundation Inc. as an independent entity.

## Personal Statement

I shall be standing down from all duties with the Foundation when the new Trustees take their seats at the AGM. I am retiring from paid employment (not Gentoo) on 31 August 2016. This life changing event is likely to impact on my time available for Gentoo. Standing down at this time is part of a plan for a phased reduction in Gentoo time should it become necessary.

The past eight and a half years an a member of the board has been fun. I don't rule out contesting future elections but right now, I need to be able to take a year or so out.

Roy Bamford  
President and Chairman  
Gentoo Foundation Inc.