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F O U N D A T I O N

MINUTES TO THE NO STARCH PRESS FOUNDATION (“Foundation”) Board Meeting
Via electronic video telecommunications held January 13, 2022 at 11:00 AM PST

In Attendance (alphabetical):

Board	Edward Chen (“Ed”) Laura Eise Lee Felsenstein Garrett Gee (“G”) William Pollock (“Bill”)
Interim Secretary	Vicki Friedberg
Invited Guest	Jerry Hancock
Observer	Catherine Shiang

Chair, Mr. William Pollock, called the meeting to order at 11:03 AM PST.

I. Roll Call: Chair noted presence of Board members, interim secretary, and observer. Invited guest joined at 11:26 AM and left at 11:45 AM.

II. Quorum of a majority of the Board members present was noted by Chair pursuant to the By-Laws Paragraph 4.16.

III. Chair noted all participants had both clear audio and visual for this Board meeting conducted by electronic video screen communication pursuant to California Corporations Code Section 307(a)(6).

IV. Chair circulated the January 13, 2022 Agenda. Upon review, Board moved, seconded, and unanimously approved by the quorum of the Board to the use of the January 13, 2022 Agenda as a guideline for the Board meeting.

V. Chair circulated the December 9, 2021 Board minutes to review, discuss, and amend if needed. Board moved, seconded, and ratified by unanimous consent such minutes to be certified by the interim secretary.

VI. Board Business:

- a. The Chair invited Mr. Ed Chen, Board member and Co-Chair of the Programming Committee, to report on the Programming Committee.

- i. Mr. Chen reported that grants previously awarded were rescinded upon further review as follows:

#41 – Safe Haven STEM Academy is directly affiliated with a religious organization;

#78 – Machine Learning Carbon Infrastructure is a previous grant recipient for the grant year 2020 and did not follow the Foundation’s grant guidelines for that grant cycle. Project management has not changed and there is doubt that the project management for the 2021 grant award would be different;

#103 – Scaledown – Tiny ML did not comply with the Foundation’s requirement of full disclosure of grant recipient, grant situs, and did not comply with their local laws and regulations in order to receive the Foundation’s grants.

- ii. Mr. Chen reported on the proposed 2022 Grant Cycle Timeline:

Marketing via social media to begin ASAP

Applications Open – February 28, 2022

3 months for application review

1 month further vetting

Finalists announced – October 24, 2022

Discussion to be had on two applications cycles

- iii. Mr. Chen reported on revisions to the 2022 Application Questionnaire.

- b. The Chair invited Mr. Jerry Hancock, a member of the Mentorship Committee, to report on behalf of the Mentorship Committee. The Chair noted that Mr. Hancock is eligible to be nominated to Co-Chair the Mentorship Committee and that the Board should consider Mr. Hancock as a candidate for this position, noting that there may be other candidates on this Committee to consider. There was discussion by the Board about the role and responsibilities of the mentors, including the minimum amount of contact each mentor should have with grantees. The Board thanked Mr. Hancock for a well-prepared and presented account of the Mentorship Committee activities.
- c. The Chair invited Mr. Garrett Gee as Treasurer to report on the financial status of the Foundation. Attached to the Agenda was the Foundation investment account statement with Fidelity for the period of December 1-31, 2022, showing a balance of \$1,642,679.33, and noting the passive investment increase of \$98,326.90; and First Republic statement for December 1-31, 2021, showing a balance of \$145,371.57. Mr. Gee noted that the Foundation accounts continued to be financially sound.

d. The Chair and as Chair of the Fund Raising Committee reported on the status of fund raising activities from December 9, 2021 to January 13, 2022: Directly, through third parties, and through the Foundation website for a total of \$8,141.74. The itemized grants received for December 9, 2021 through January 13, 2022, in the order from generous to most generous:

- i. \$100 – BJ Mitchell
- ii. \$100 – Nicole Schwartz
- iii. \$7941.74 – PayPal Giving Fund (Humble Bundle)

The Chair noted that more donations would be received from Humble Bundle in February and from future Humble Bundles.

e. The Chair proposed to the Board to change the name of the Foundation for marketing purposes and to avoid further confusion between the namesake publishing business and the Foundation. The Chair suggested that the Board consider the following names which could subsequently be put to a larger community vote through social media, the proposed names:

Hacker Helper

Hacker Macher

The Hacker Initiative

Catalyst Kitchen

Hacker Makers

Mr. Garrett Gee proposed the name Hackers4Hackers.

The Chair noted that all names must clear conflict checks, trade mark and trade name infringement and could be registered as a domain. The Chair directed that this discussion continue at the next Board meeting giving time for each Board member to consider the foregoing names and propose other names.

The Board hereby Resolved to change the name of the Foundation.

f. The Chair proposed that the Board consider the use of the Github-based micro-granting application that was developed by Foundation volunteers, or a similar platform. A microgranting program could review and recommend grants of \$500 or less to support further grants being awarded. These grants could be in addition to the larger grants awarded by the Programming Committee. The microgranting program could enlist support from the larger community to vet and recommend said grants through a web interface. The Chair invited discussion and the Board agreed to continue discussion at the February meeting.

VII. Adjournment: The next regular Board Meeting is to be held via electronic telecommunications at 11 AM PST on February 10, 2022. Chair noted no further business and the Board motioned, seconded, and approved to adjourn. Meeting was duly adjourned at 12:01 PM PST.

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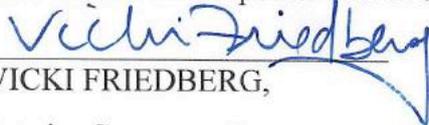


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CERTIFICATE
CORPORATE SECRETARY

I, VICKI FRIEDBERG in accordance with California Corporations Code §7215, do hereby certify that I am the duly elected and qualified INTERIM Corporate Secretary and keeper of the records and corporate seal of The No Starch Press Foundation ("Foundation"), and that the following is a true and correct copy of the MINUTES of the January 13, 2022 dated Board Meeting is duly approved by the Board of Directors of the Foundation.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto subscribed my name as Corporate Secretary and have caused the corporate seal of said corporation to be affixed hereto.


VICKI FRIEDBERG,

Interim Corporate Secretary

Date: February 10, 2022