



# no starch press FOUNDATION

## MINUTES TO THE NO STARCH PRESS FOUNDATION (“Foundation”) SPECIAL BOARD MEETING NOVEMBER 9, 2021 4:00 PM PT

Conducted via electronic video telecommunications pursuant to California Corporations Code Section 307(a)(6).

### In Attendance (alphabetical)

Board: Edward Chen (“Ed”)  
Laura Eise  
Lee Felsenstein  
Garrett Gee (“G”)  
William Pollock (“Bill”)

Invited Guest: Vicki Friedberg, Interim Secretary

Absent  
Observer: Catherine Shiang

Chair, Mr. William Pollock, called the meeting to order at 4:01 PM PT, noting this was a Special Board meeting pursuant to Paragraph 4.12 of the Bylaws of The No Starch Press Foundation (“NSPF”).

I. Roll Call: Chair noted the presence of Board members, interim secretary, and absence of observer.

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

III. Chair circulated the November 9, 2021 Special Board Meeting Agenda. The Board moved, seconded, and unanimously approved by the quorum of the Board to the use of the November 9, 2021 Agenda as a guideline for the Special Board Meeting.

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

### V. Board Business:

- a. Chair noted this was a Special Board Meeting and regular Board business would not be conducted. Chair noted that this Board meeting was solely for the approval of grant recipients of 2021.

- b. Chair invited Mr. Ed Chen, the Co-Chair of the Programming Committee, for the Committee's recommendation for The NSPF 2021 grant recipients. Mr. Chen stated that Programming Committee and Mentorship Committee met jointly via electronic video telecommunications meeting on November 4, 2021 to review the 2021 grant applications. Mr. Chen presented and recommended to the Board 5 projects and 3 alternates for the Board's consideration:

1. #16 SigInt - \$10,000
2. #21 Freebie 5G - \$15,000
3. #41 Safe Haven STEM Academy - \$10,000
4. #103 ScaleDown – Tiny ML - \$10,000
5. #110 Jubilee: An Open-Source Multitool Motion Platform - \$12,000

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6. #78 Machine Learning for Carbon Zero Infrastructure - \$10,000
7. #113 Touch Symposium - \$10,000
8. #34 Robotics for All - \$10,000

- c. Chair invited the Board to review the Mentorship Committee recommendation for the NSPF 2021 grant recipients which are independent from Programming Committee, such grant recipient recommendations were attached to the Agenda. Mr. Felsenstein, as a committee member to the Mentorship Committee discussed the projects presented by the Programming Committee which could be effectively mentored.
- d. Chair invited discussion of both Committees' recommendations for The NSPF 2021 grant recipients; specifically, (i) whether each such nominations met the criterion set upon by the Foundation; and (ii) whether the Foundation could adequately mentor these recipients to support the Foundation's Mission. The Board gave careful consideration to each of the grant applications presented according to the criterion of each committee, the exceptions as resolved by the Board, and the Mission of the Foundation.
- e. The Board moved, seconded, and unanimously approved 6 grant applicants as recommended by the Programming Committee and as concurred by Mentorship Committee, with the accompanying grant amounts for the Foundation's 2021 Grant Recipients:

1. #16 SigInt (\$10,000)
2. #21 Freebie 5G (\$10,000)
3. #41 Safe Haven STEM Academy (\$10,000)
4. #103 ScaleDown - Tiny ML (\$10,000)

- 5. #110 Jubilee: An Open-Source Multitool Motion Platform (\$12,000)
- 6. #78 Machine Learning for Carbon Zero Infrastructure (\$10,000).
- f. The Programming Committee and Mentorship Committee noted there are 3 other grant applicants that may be approved for 2021 grants that are conditional pending further review.
- g. Chair noted the date for the next regular Board Meeting to be held via teleconference at 11AM PST on November 11, 2021. Chair duly requested a quorum to attend without which Board business may not occur.
- h. The Chair noted no further business and the Board motioned, seconded, and approved to adjourn. Meeting was duly adjourned at 5:05 PM PT.

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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 November 9, 2021 dated Special 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: November 11, 2021