

Board Meeting Minutes

Date: November 3, 2023

Time: 9AM pacific time

Location: Video conferencing, multiple locations

Attendees: Wei, Reid, Kristof, Mike, Chris B, Tanya, Chris L, Kit

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Agenda

- Follow-up from previous meeting
- Github migration pain points
 - Prep for meeting:
 - i. We need to balance the following aims:
 - Enable the community to improve github workflows as much as possible without the Foundation delaying things unnecessarily.
 - Avoid github workflows moving in a direction that leads to fracturing the community; leading to steeper learning curves for newcomers; or other issues that materially affect DEI aspects.
 - ii. Topics to discuss:
 - Committer-created branches in the upstream repo. [It seems this is already getting enabled](#)
 - Allowing third-party github apps
 - Requires (at least) only public repos in the LLVM organization. Shall we move private repos into a different github organization (Proposal: “LLVMFoundation”): relicensing-scripts, llvm-foundation.
Decision: Create an LLVM Foundation organization and move private repos there.
- Request for admin access to github LLVM organization/repos. We need a defined process on how and who we decide gains admin access to LLVM organization/repos?
 - Create separate LLVM Foundation organization and migrate foundation-related repos to new organization (i.e., only have public repos in the llvm-project organization)
 - i. Kristof will investigate and discuss with Anton.
 - Apps requesting org-level permission need more scrutiny; apps requesting repo-level permissions can have less scrutiny
 - Should developer policy (or privacy policy) document what we can do with developer’s personal information (i.e., can information given to github be shared with 3rd party apps that are enabled with github)?
 - We need to establish a policy around 3rd party apps, how they are used, how they are evaluated, etc. We should start a discussion on discourse around this and encourage community to participate in the development of the policy:
 - i. All 3rd party apps need explicit approval, primarily for privacy reasons

- ii. When we start making use of an app, want an experimental phase so we can build experience prior to committing to it
 - iii. Privacy policy needs to be established/updated with developers' information and how it can be used/shared
 - Concerns:
 - i. Privacy of developer's information
 - ii. Fracturing development policy/developer workflow within the community
 - Questions:
 - i. Are there other communities that have "solved" this that we could learn from?
 - Goals:
 - i. Github admins and community drive this and the board approves usage of specific tools
 - ii. Endorse standardized workflows (used by all projects) while allowing some amount of experimentation of new tools and workflows
 - iii. Base goals should include standard github PR workflow still works; any tools that diverge from this should immediately be excluded from consideration. Additional tools/apps should only build on this and not change the basic github PR workflow.
 - **Chris B** will draft a post for Discourse and share with the foundation for review. Also need to share with Tom Stellard for feedback.
 - **Chris B** will reply to some emails that the foundation has received about admin access on the github organization.
 - i. Have private repos that we need to move out of the llvm-project organization
 - ii. Need to establish some guidelines for giving additional community members more privileges on GitHub
 - iii. Goal is for us to have this established by next board meeting, but it will take some time to sort out the details.
- Governance - <https://github.com/llvm/llvm-www/pull/54>
 - Conversation is positive and most people agree this is a problem worth solving.
 - How can we encourage more community members to be providing feedback on this proposal?
 - i. Create a new post on discourse with a summary of the feedback in the PR and see if there is a different set of views on discourse
 - ii. Could create an anonymous survey, with a set of targeted questions, that people can submit to provide feedback.
 - iii. Board members want to see more community members chime in and get more feedback on the proposal.
 - ChrisB is looking at other communities and collecting more references for this, especially around establishing a privacy policy.
 - Continue to see how this evolves - if this happens it will be an important step and will impact processes and procedures.
- [ChrisB] How should the foundation think about advertising LLVM?

- This could be a good way to bring in individual sponsor supporters?
- What avenues can we explore to start enabling individual contributors to donate to LLVM (e.g., github sponsors, patreon, etc)?