

Summary from Hillside Board Meetings December 17 2013 and January 21 2014

Present: Robert Biddle, Robert Hanmer, Joe Yoder, Neil Harrison, Lise Hvatum, Christian Kohls, Rebecca Wirfs-Brock, Ademar Aguiar, Richard Gabriel

We have a lot of enthusiasm and energy after PLoP 2013 and the 2013 annual Hillside members meeting. Two Hillside board meetings were held to follow up on the ideas and to start the planning.

At the start of the Dec 17 meeting we had a suggestion from Joe on finding an alternative to regular phone meetings. We will consider this for later meetings and do a dress rehearsal with a representative /realistic set of participants. A problem with for instance Skype is to handle board members who work for corporations not allowing these types of tools due to security and bandwidth of their intranets.

A. Board elections

Suggest candidates. We need to consider total number of board members. Joe and Bob each have 1 year left on the board. We need a plan for new officers (i.e. who can take over from Joe??). Also Lise has 2 years left, and new board members should be candidate for taking over the Secretary role. According to the bylaws the board must have 6 members, and can have up to 10 members.

Lise Hvatum	: 1 term left – up for election
Christian Kohl	: 3 terms left – up for election
Ademar Aguiar	: 1.5 terms left – not up for election this time
Robert Biddle	: 1.5 terms left – not up for election this time
Robert Hanmer	: .5 term left – not up for election this time
Joe Yoder	: .5 term left – not up for election this time
Rebecca Wirfs-Brock	: 2.5 terms left – not up for election this time

Grady Booch, Richard Gabriel, Neil Harrison, Dirk Riehle and Linda Rising are Board Member Emeritus.

For timing reasons we decided to do a two-phase election for 2014. Joe will send out an e-mail to the Hillside members about Lise and Chris (Lise to send draft to Joe for this).

In parallel we will evaluate adding 1-2 new members to the board. Board members are to send proposals to Joe for new members. Eduardo Guerra and Christian Köppe are suggested names but we should do formal recommendations.

For future elections it was suggested to have these done at the annual Hillside meeting. This would at least ensure more votes as the votes coming in by e-mail today are very few. It will mean we need to be prepared for elections at the meeting. An alternative is to use the doodle for elections.

There was a discussion that will need to be continued in the next board meeting on the possibility to keep on resources as paid, and to modify the bylaws to enable board members to serve longer.

B. Review summary from Hillside Annual Meeting and accept for distribution

The summary was OK except coverage of Bob's activities is missing and needs to be added before it can be distributed to the members.

C. Program Cahir and Steering Committee for PLoP 2014.

Richard volunteered to chair PLoP in 2014, and he will be calling a steering committee. A survey was done at PLoP 2013 that showed strong support for Allerton as the venue. All board members support this (quick vote).

D. Follow up PLoP type event (one-day workshop) at SPLASH

This is not so much a PLoP but a way to bring in new people 5 papers workshop and boot camp. SPLASH has become mostly academic. It is in Portland, and there are many experienced developers in the area. Cost for a workshop day around USD 300. It has been done before and was fairly well attended, but was not so much focusing on new attendants. Portland and patterns is an opportunity we should utilize. It was decided that Joe and Richard will make a proposal for SPLASH in 2014 for a patterns event.

Ademar suggested a rotation of PLoP with the goal of reaching out to new attendants. It is possible to do every 3 years at Allerton, every 3 at SPLASH, and then every 3 years at a location with more practitioners.

E. Other PLoPs

- a) GuruPLoP
- b) AsianPLoP
- c) ScrumPLoP
- d) EuroPLoP
- e) SugarLoafPLoP
- f) VikingPLoP
- g) ChiliPLoP (Should we have it???)

We had some discussion around the possibility of organizing a ChiliPLoP in 2014, but with no conclusion. It will likely not happen. Joe and Rebecca are attending AsianPLoP. We would like participation in ScrumPLoP.

F. Review retrospective and ideas/proposals from annual meeting discussions and agree on a program for 2014

- a. New method for proceedings
This is ongoing with Joe working with Christian Köppe. We are adopting the same approach as EuroPLoP with a full proceedings document (pdf) and a selection going to ACM. The copyright situation is also being worked on.
- b. Hillside profiles (shepherds etc.)
Parked for later discussion.

- c. On-line training for shepherds
It is a clear interest to get work done on the shepherding situation. This should be discussed more at the next meeting.
- d. Patterns usage in the industry (report)
No discussion yet.
- e. Patterns training/open course
No discussion yet.
- f. Hillside web contents
We have a proposal from Rebekka Rikner that we need to discuss.
- g. Use of social media
Joe is working with Daniel Cukier to start utilizing this for PLoP 2014.
- h. Patterns Repository
No discussion yet.
- i. Financials (how to get more financial support etc.)
No discussion yet.
- j. Update members list with new members (Lise send e-mail to Joe)
Done.

G. How to run projects

We have a template and examples for proposals to the Hillside Board of supported activities. This was circulated to the board members after the December 17 board meeting.