

**FSCONS YEARLY MEETING
2012-12-01**

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1 Meeting opening

2 List of attendees

- Stian Rødven Eide

- Andreas Skyman
- Leif-Jöran Olsson
- Gustav Eek
- Grégoire Détrez
- Francisco Blas izquierdo Riera
- Oliver Propst
- Ally Bitebo

3 Formalities

3.1 Election of meeting officials

- Gustav Eek is elected as chairman
- Grégoire Détrez as secretary
- Andreas Skyman as approval

3.2 Decision on the agenda

- Leif-Jöran Olsson suggests to add the the election of the firmateknare on the agenda. This is added to the new elections section (item 7 in the suggested agenda).
- The new version of the manifesto have to be approved by the member meeting. Added as item 8bis to the suggested agenda.

3.3 Quorum, meeting properly announced

The meeting estimates that we have a quorum and that the meeting was properly announced.

4 Annual report

Since the founding meeting (Sept 3, 12 participants) the association received 2 membership payment. We have had 7 board meetings and 6 work meetings and the conference (131 paying visitors). We have had to loan equipment from ffkp and we might still need to buy a camera. The recordings have been done properly and we managed to stream part of the conference (15-20 viewers at most.) All FSCONS staff have been offered free membership of the föreningen for 2012, which brings the total number of members to 44 at this date.

5 Economical report

We do have a positive balance but the budget is not closed yet (at least 3000 to pay and the taxes.) The tax report need to be turned in before the 2nd of May. At the end, the budget looks good and the estimation is that we will still get a plus after all the expenses come in.

See appendices for the full report.

approved (unanimous)

6 Auditor's report

See appendix

7 Discharge of the board

The meeting unanimously decides to discharge the board.

8 New elections

8.1 Board election

The board should consist of at least three regular members and constitutes itself.

The previous board was Stian, Grégoire, Leif-Jöran and Gustav. All of them are wiling to continue. Oliver volunteers for the board too.

The meeting accepts all five nominations.

Leif-Jöran suggest that for the next election, we try to find female members for the board.

8.2 Election of auditor

Andreas is the current auditor. He says that he is able to continue this activity until the next board meeting.

No more nomination.

The meeting accepts the only nomination.

8.3 firmatecknare

Suggestion is to put the full board on the list of firmatecknare. The meeting accepts this suggestion.

9 Decision on membership fee

Until now the membership fee has been 50kr.

- Suggestion 1: keep it that way
- Suggestion 2: the membership fee should be kept at 50 and that the board can grant a membership fee reduction if it finds it motivated.

The meeting accepts the second suggestion unanimously.

10 Reformulation of the by-laws

Suggestion for amending the by-laws:

“Medlemsavgiften fastställs av årsmötet. Om årsmötet så beslutar kan uppgiften delegeras till styrelsen.” is replaced by “Medlemsavgiften fastställs av årsmötet. Styrelsen äger rätt att besluta om sänkning eller annullering av medlemsavgiften för enskild medlem.”

The meeting accept the reformulation unanimously

11 Acceptance of the manifesto

The meeting accepts the current version of the manifesto with the eventual correction of spelling mistakes as long as it doesn't change the meeting.

12 The Association FSCONS's plan for operation during the coming year

Plan for the association till the next yearly meeting:

- Investigate how to strengthen the collaboration with other Nordic countries by, for instance, finding sisters organizations.
- Organize a follow-up meeting to evaluate FSCONS 2012
- Organize a kick-off meeting for FSCONS 2013
- Try to find female candidates for the board
- Look into the possibility of organizing talks in collaboration with the fsfe fellows

The meeting accepts this plan of operation for the association

13 Received motions

None.

14 Other questions

No other question

15 Meeting closure

Appendix: Economical report

Resultat- och balansrapport för Föreningen FSCONS

2012-09-03--2012-12-01

Balans	20120903	20121201
Tillgångar	0	0
Fordringar	0	8 000
Bank	200	79 491,87
Eget kapital	-10101	87491,87
Skulder	-10301	0 *) Oklart

Resultat	Budget	Utfall	
Intäkter:			
Medlemsavgifter	2 000	100	
FScons-biljetter	120 000	83 272,90	
Kulturstöd	15 000	15 000	
Sponsring	50 000	10 000	
Caféförsäljning	68 000	39 077,57	
Övrigt		0	
Totalt		147450,47	
Kostnader:			
Caféinköp	68 000	40 816,60	*) Ev mer
Hårdvara	15 000	6 802	
Spårresepengar	32 000	3 703	*) Oklart
Inbjudna talare	20 000	13009,97	
Administration	10 000	40	*) Oklart
Tryck	7 000	3 456	
Inventarier	10 301	10 301	
Övrigt	0	665	
Totalt		64 371,57	
Resultat		83278,90	*) Oklart

Appendix: Auditor's report

Revisionsberättelse för Föreningen FSCONS för verksamhetsåret 2012

Undertecknad revisor, vald att revidiera föreningens räkenskaper och verksamhet för verksamhetsår 2012, får efter fullgjort uppdrag lämna följande utlåtande:

Resultaträkningens uppgifter har granskats. Alla intäkter och kostnader är styrkta med kvittenser. Plusgirots in- och utgående behållning har kontrollerats utan anledning till anmärkning.

Styrelsens och föreningens verksamhet har granskats. Aktiviteter, beslut och möteprotokoll har funnits vara i god ordning och i överensstämmelse med föreningens stadgar.

Mötet föreslås därför att bevilja styrelsen ansvarsfrihet för det gångna verksamhetsåret.

Göteborg 2012-12-01



Andreas Skyman, revisor

Appendix: Amended by-laws

Stadgar för föreningen FSCONS

Dessa stadgar antogs vid föreningens bildandemöte 3 september 2012.

Inledning

1. Föreningen syftar till att driva konferensen FSCONS.
2. Föreningen finns i första hand i Göteborg.
3. Föreningens styrelse ska
 1. arbeta för att möjliggöra genomförandet av konferensen, samt
 2. sörja för god transparens vad gäller administration, ekonomi och styrning.

Medlemskap

1. Medlem är den som erlagt medlemsavgift.
2. Föreningen är öppen för alla som
 - bor i Sverige eller annars har möjlighet att delta i den demokratiska processen, samt
 - accepterar FSCONS manifest (dvs. principförklaring) som antagits under föreningens medlemsmöten.
3. Tidigare utesluten medlem kan bli medlem efter prövning av styrelsen. Alternativt, efter att en annan medlem lyft frågan, efter ett särskilt beslut på årsmötet.
4. Medlemsavgiften fastställs av årsmötet. Om årsmötet så beslutar kan uppgiften delegeras till styrelsen.
5. Medlemsavgiften fastställs av årsmötet. Styrelsen äger rätt att besluta om sänkning eller annullering av medlemsavgiften för enskild medlem.
6. Medlem kan lämna föreningen genom skriftlig begäran. Begäran ska behandlas inom rimlig tid av styrelsen.

Allmänna bestämmelser

1. Beslut fattas som huvudregel med enkel majoritet, det vill säga mer än hälften av rösterna krävs.
2. Man kan inte rösta genom ombud eller med fullmakt.
3. Vid lika antal röster vinner det förslag som respektive instans ordförande röstar på. Om ordförande inte har rösträtt eller avstår från att rösta, avgör en andra röstomgång, därefter lotten.
4. Styrelseledamot eller suppleant har ej rätt att delta i beslut om ansvarsfrihet för den styrelse man själv tillhör.

5. För att styrelse och övriga valda organ skall vara beslutsmässiga skall kallelse ha gått ut till samtliga ledamöter och suppleanter och de närvarande ledamöternas och suppleanternas antal skall tillsammans uppgå till minst hälften av de valda ledamöternas antal.
6. Val till förtroendeposter sker i separata, slutna val.
7. Firman ska tecknas två i förening.
8. Föreningens verksamhetsår är kalenderåret.

Årsmötet

1. Årsmötet är föreningens högsta beslutande organ.
2. Årsmötet väljer i slutna, separata val
 - styrelse, och
 - revisorer
3. Alla närvarande medlemmar har rösträtt på årsmötet.
4. För att anses som behörigt utlyst, ska kallelse till årsmöte ha varit medlemmarna tillhanda senast 3 veckor innan mötet.
5. Föreningen ska ha minst en revisor.
6. Extra årsmöte kan inkallas om minst 1/3 av föreningens medlemmar så kräver.

Styrelsen

1. Styrelsen leder föreningen mellan dess årsmöten, och ansvarar för att genomföra årsmötets beslut.
2. Styrelsen ska bestå av minst 3 ordinarie ledamöter.
3. Styrelsen ska välja en kassör inom sig.
4. Styrelsen ska göra sina protokoll tillgängliga för alla medlemmar, i elektronisk form, senast 2 veckor efter sina möten.
5. Styrelsen utser valberedning vid behov.

Funktionärer och kommittéer

1. Funktionärer är medlemmar i föreningen.
2. Funktionärer utses att leda kommittéer.
3. Funktionärer svarar inför styrelsen.
4. Funktionärernas mandatperiod är, om inget annat anges, verksamhetsåret.
5. Arbetsmöten ska anses som vägledande för funktionärernas arbete.
6. Kommittéer tillsätts av styrelsen för att utföra planering och genomförandet av separerbara delar av föreningens projekt.

7. I kommittéernas arbete ingår dokumentation, dvs. redovisande av verksamhetsplan och -berättelse och budgetunderlag. Dokumentationen ska vara tillräcklig för projektsdelens reproduktion.

Projekt

1. Ett projekt är begränsat i omfattning och tid. Det har en begränsad budget och en huvudansvarig funktionär.

Arbetsmöten

1. Arbetsmötet är det huvudsakligt beslutande organet för detaljer i föreningens projekt.
2. Mötets syftet är att en eller flera kommittéer ska kunna samordna och dokumentera planering och arbete.

Delegering

1. Delegering ges av styrelsen efter behov.
2. Styrelsen har möjlighet att ge begränsat mandat.

Utrustning och inventarier

1. Föreningen strävar att använda uteslutande fri programvara, så som definierat av Free Software Foundation.
2. Föreningens tekniska lösningar ska dokumenteras utförligt på ett sätt som gör dem reproducerbara.

Uteslutning

1. Medlem kan uteslutas av årsmötet som genom försummelse eller medveten handling har åsidosatt andra föreningsmedlemmars säkerhet eller privatliv eller på annat sätt grovt försummat den interna demokratin och stadgemässiga ordningen.
2. I väntan på sådant beslut kan styrelsen stänga av en medlem med 3/4 majoritetsbeslut. Den berörda ska alltid ges tillfälle att yttra sig i frågan.

Stadgarnas giltighet och tolkning

1. Endast årsmötet kan ändra stadgan.
2. Stadgeändringar träder omedelbart i kraft, utom ändringar i punkten om utlysande i avsnitt "Årsmötet", i detta avsnitt (dvs. "Stadgarnas giltighet och tolkning"), samt hela avsnittet "Föreningens upplösning". Stadgeändringar som gäller dessa punkter måste beslutas av två på varandra följande årsmöten.

3. Styrelsen tolkar stadgan mellan föreningens årsmöten.

Föreningens upplösning

1. Årsmötet kan upplösa föreningen genom ett beslut med 3/4 majoritet.
2. Om föreningen upplöses bestämmer följande regler vad som händer med dess eventuella tillgångar:
 1. Om årsmötet så beslutar, kan de medlemsavgifter som erlagts under de senaste 12 månaderna betalas tillbaka. Om pengarna inte räcker till så fördelas de jämnt över nämnda medlemmar, oavsett deras individuella tidpunkt för betalning.
 2. De tillgångar som eventuellt finns kvar tillfaller antingen Electronic Frontier Foundation eller Free Software Foundation Europe.

Appendix: Amended manifesto

Based on revision as of 20:57, 6 November 2012 of the wiki page http://wiki.fscons.org/page/FSCONS_Manifesto

FSCONS Manifesto

This is the official Manifesto for FSCONS. The association appreciates your feedback: Please discuss and give us your input, reflections and suggestions [in the wiki](#).

Purpose

FSCONS exists to provide a meeting place where subjects covering society, culture and technology can be discussed and brought to life in peer discussions, without being confined to each particular subject area. It should provide both the physical and virtual space where people, organizations and governments, with interest in the three subject areas can meet in a participatory and constructive dialogue. The unique combination of topics creates a platform where cross-pollination between the areas can occur, and where new co-operations and thoughts can emerge which allows the participants to find new inspiration even from areas outside of their own.

Background

FSCONS currently stands for Free Society Conference and Nordic Summit. While initially founded as Free Software conference *Scandinavia*, it has evolved into a yearly conference with a much broader scope - focusing on the interaction between culture, society and technology.

FSCONS is organised by the non-profit association *Föreningen FSCONS*, in collaboration with other organisations, volunteers and sponsors who have varied from year to year.

History

The conference was first held in 2007 as a small but focused free software conference in Gothenburg. As the demand for follow-up conferences grew, one FSCONS conference has been arranged each fall/winter since. Between 2007 and 2011 the conference was hosted by *FFKP - The Society for Free Culture and Software*, becoming its own member run association in 2012.

Past conferences

2007 - First conference. Main themes touched upon (free/open) Software, with topics like web caching and proxying, Free Software licensing, How to write graphical applications, database clustering and optimization, and more but also touched upon social topics such as introducing affordable internet capable computers to developing countries, Digital Rights for consumers, Digital Rights in general, NGO - decision making, Free Software with a female touch.

2008 - The conference evolved and covered two main tracks: Free Software and Free Culture, reflecting a stronger identity of the social and cultural part. Inspiration in part by "Free Culture" by Lawrence Lessig.

2009 - The tracks evolved into Free Software Track and Free Society Track. Inspiration in part by "Free Software, Free Society" by Richard Stallman. Conference also included a separate track for workshops, and one track which was co-organized by other organizations.

2010 - Several themes including Embedded, Ethics, Infrastructure, Makers of the Future, Divide and Reconquer, Extensions (how FS can influence other movements in society), Free Software and Using Free Software to Fuel the Revolution. Some themes were co-organized with other individuals or organizations.

2011 - This year's conference introduced the manifesto, opening it for input from the participants. Tracks included Free software in politics, Development for embedded systems, Free desktop environments, The future of money, Human rights and digital freedoms, Universal design - Aiming for accessibility, Development in free software communities, and Building together - Manufacturing Solidarity. Keynote speakers were Richard Stallman and Christina Haralanova.

Transition

Based on the experience from our four first conferences, we have identified an evolution towards stressing FSCONS as an ongoing process, with a potential for expansion into local FSCONSs organized internationally. Also the subject of gradually introducing a new name for FSCONS has come up. These aspects are introduced in the following sections which try to map out the current thinking about FSCONS.

Foundations

In no particular order, these are the principles which form the foundations of our activities:

Speakers are also participants

FSCONS should generate new ideas and the interaction between peers is important. There is no hierarchy, placing a speaker at the top, nor is there a hierarchy placing the participants at the bottom. Everyone contributes to FSCONS according to their ability, and everyone is seen as a participant, even if some of the participants also happen to give presentations on important topics.

We defuse perceived tensions

We should defuse the relations between different stakeholders (individuals vs corporations etc) and encourage a constructive dialogue, without at the same time hindering or restricting the critical thoughts that are necessary for progress.

We generate new thinking

FSCONS aims to bring people together from different fields, interests and cultures, with the aim of being an enabling starting point for dialogue and new co-operations. The content should be challenge the participants' views, and encourage new thinking. We must dare to approach and talk about new subjects. We see ourselves as a continuum of processes, dialogs and projects, rather than a one-off event once a year.

We respect each other, and we are non-discriminatory and accessible

We respect and recognize humans' equal value and respect fundamental rights and freedoms. We are non-discriminatory. Participants and staff are equally welcome regardless of gender, age, sexual orientation, ethnic background, disabilities, physical appearance, religion etc. We do not tolerate harassment of participants in any form (including but not limited to sexual harassment).

We strive to lower the barriers for participation and actively work to make sure that our activities are accessible to everyone, regardless of visual, auditory, physical, speech, cognitive, and neurological (or other) disabilities.

We are open to participation

We strive to be open and transparent in how we work, and what we do.

Sustainability

All work carried out by, at and with FSCONS should take sustainability of society and the environment into consideration.

Goals

This section contain a list of the goals for the conference on an overall level, a list of approaches for how to meet those goals and an indication of the ways in which we could continuously measure and evaluate our approaches in terms of meeting the stated goals.

List of goals

These should ideally be measurable and identifiable. See later sections for indications for how to measure the goals, and the next section for the specific approaches on how to reach these goals.

- Encourage new first-time attendees, and evaluate their experience.
- Having a fair and reasonable, within 60/40, gender distribution among participants
- Being accessible and have low barriers for participation
- FSCONS should spark interesting discussions and co-operations

- FSCONS should equally address the following subject areas:
 - Society, including, but not limited to, integrity, privacy, freedom of speech, human rights and access to knowledge.
 - Culture, including art, but also covering a broader spectrum of newer cultural expressions.
 - Technology, including software and hardware in a broad meaning, as well as questions of infrastructure and networks.
- Be financially self-supporting, while setting aside funds for side-events and future activities

Approaches to accomplishing the goals

- Establishing collaboration with organizations working with disabilities to gain insight into and methods to meet our accessibility goal
- Establishing a system of mentors from previous participants at FSCONS who can guide new attendees at the conference
- Lowering the barriers for participation, which will also contribute to meeting the accessibility goal.
- Allowing for discussions and informal talks during the social events
- Openings up to interesting discussions and co-operations
- Being open to contributions, for instance by:
 - Finding ways to allow for individuals to engage themselves in the organization and implementation of FSCONS,
 - Allowing for corporations and companies to engage with FSCONS as sponsors to build their trademark, incorporating FSCONS in their internal training programs, meeting competent co-workers-to-be, or take part in the ongoing discussion on technology in society,
 - Allowing for government bodies, organizations, and NGOs, to present their ongoing work at FSCONS, as well as to open for their participation in the program.
- Setting up a team dedicated to working with sponsors of FSCONS
- Seek funding from sponsors, and encourage sponsors to take an active part at the events, on equal terms with other participants.
- Investigating what good, concrete, approaches could be established in order to meet the quantitative goal of having a reasonable and fair gender distribution among the participants.

Metrics for the goals

- A constant review of the gender distribution over the years, going further than just counting heads.
- A constant review of what percentage are returning visitors.

- A feedback mechanism for keeping track of what projects, and what discussions continue after FSCONS.
- Financial follow-up and budget reviews to measure the financial goals.