



Board meeting of the Data Guild board

Time: 19:00 on Thursday, March 20th 2025

Place: Data Guild Guild Room, Konemiehentie 2, 02150 Espoo

Present: Anna Midori Sihvonen (Chair), Nam Phu Nguyen (Secretary), Katsuya Kurosawa, Aawez Akbar, Christian Guidikov, Magnus John Greig, Ojaswi Tyagi, Ann-Marie Korhonen-Chamorro, Thao Hien Vu, Nazmus Sakib Alvee, Janna Rantanen, Tony Heinola (joined 19:09), Otso Aksela (joined 19:09), Daniel (joined and left 19:58), Napat Borvonpadungkitti (joined & left 20:26), Oliver Reece Longhurst (joined 20:45).

1 Opening the meeting

Anna Sihvonen opened the meeting at 19:03.

2 Legality and quorum of the meeting

The meeting is legal and has quorum.

3 Selecting minutes inspectors

Ojaswi Tyagi and Christian Guidikov have been chosen as minutes inspectors.

4 Accepting the agenda for the meeting

The agenda for the meeting has been accepted.

5 How are you doing round

Phu is not doing well :(
Aawez is doing good :D
Zoe is not doing well :(
Alvee is not doing well
Janna is doing good :D
Ann-Marie is here! :D
OJ is doing wonderful :D
Magnus is doing really good :D
Christian is doing amazing :D
Katsuya is doing good :D
Tony is not doing good :(
Otso is doing alright :D

6 Announcements

Bitwards now works on the guildroom door!!!
We have new tutors!!!

7 Administrative issues

7.1 Emails, Mailbox, Bills

The following bills were accepted:
– Rahoittamo Oy, 1040€, Epoch Bus rides
– OJS & Co Oy, 318.30€, Epoch tableware

7.2 Membership applications, Committee applications

The following new committee members have been accepted:

- Alvar Isomäki (Fuksi Committee): The applicant is currently a fuksi and will not be accepted into the current committee
- Kareem Sayed Ahmed (Fuksi Committee, IE Committee)

7.3 Other administrative issues

7.3.1 Annual meeting on 24th March

The annual guild meeting will be on 24th March.

8 Fuksi and tutor issues

The Fuksipeijais team has been confirmed.
24 new tutors have been accepted. Tutor training for new tutors is on 2nd April.
DG has 1 Äpy seller. It was discussed that selling Äpy can have a high barrier to entry for international students due to the time and money investment, as well as the uncertainty in sales due to the language barrier or lack of connections (such as family).

8.1 Brainrot sitsit

The Brainrot sitsit received negative feedback on the event advertisement announcement on Telegram, such as not being inclusive enough or that the theme did not appeal to some people. OJ commented that he did not receive the constructive feedback that he was looking for to improve the event advertisement.

Ann-Marie will meet with the women's representatives to discuss issues regarding the event feedback.

9 Events

9.1 DGCC

The DGCC painting event on 15th March was a success, and a similar event may be planned in the future.

9.2 IE

IE Committee has an Easter event planned between DG and PT. The event will begin in the afternoon, around 15, on 3rd April.

Communication on the timing of events should be improved (there are too many events happening in April). The best course of action would be to implement an event calendar on the DG website, as well as a separate calendar for the board and other committees to use for planning event times.

9.3 ETCo

ETCo sitsit is tomorrow!!!

9.4 Epoch

Anssi requested pictures of people drinking Jägermeister from the event.

Epoch (6) patches are coming (for the first time)! There will be 100 patches, and they are estimated to arrive in early April.

9.5 Other events

The BT x Prodeko x DG sitsit is happening on 26th March.

10 External and corporate relations issues

10.1 Women's Representative and Netlight

Ann-Marie discussed the Women's Representative role with a Netlight representative.

- The goal is to make sure DG is inclusive and that everyone feels comfortable (focusing on the inclusion of women). We can increase awareness about this issue and the underlying motivation behind it. Another point is to build a supportive network for women. We could also build a network with other guilds/associations (e.g. Women of Aalto)
- Fostering more communication between the women's representatives
- Netlight can arrange workshops about diversity, equity and inclusivity and help clarify the role of Women's Representative. They could also sponsor community events geared towards women. Ann-Marie will contact Athene and TiK chairs regarding the DEI workshop.
- We will take care to make our abimarkkinointi and the Aalto Data Science landing page inclusive to women and gender minorities.

10.2 TEK Magazine

TEK has offered to send physical magazines to the guildroom.

11 Study issues

There are no study issues to discuss.

12 Other guild activities

12.1 Guild room

Bitwards now works with the guildroom door.

Non-board members can request access via idm.aalto.fi (Anna will approve the access).

12.2 Publicity

The DG newsletter has at least 28 readers (big number), and majority of readers come from various channels (not just Telegram).

Janna is planning on posting a "board and officials introduction" on Instagram. All of the board and officials should send a photo and a sentence introducing their role to Janna.

12.3 IT

DGTV is in the works.

There is some text on the DG website that is not up to date.

12.4 Merchandise

Aawez has been in contact with 4 companies and has gotten some offers.

We could either get sweaters and have them embroidered at a separate company, or have one company provide both sweaters and customization.

Aawez will send a poll to measure how much the board and officials are willing to pay for the sweater, as well as a possible second poll for the embroidery color of the sweater.

Aawez will create a poll for overall patch ideas.

12.5 Wellbeing

DG is leading in Kesäkuntoon!

13 Board fun

13.1 Suggestions for 29th March

Anna will poll for suggestions for activities.

14 Other issues

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There are no other issues to discuss.

15 Next meeting

The next meeting is on Thursday, April 3rd at 19:00.

16 Closing the meeting

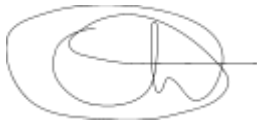
Anna Sihvonen closed the meeting at 21:02.



Anna Sihvonen
Chair of the meeting



Nguyen Nam Phu
Secretary of the meeting



Christian Guidikov
Minutes inspector



Ojaswi Tyagi
Minutes inspector