



Board meeting of the Data Guild board

Time: 19:30 on Wednesday, March 11th, 2026
Place: Room M145a, Otakaari 1, 02150, Espoo

Present: Pranava Varshan (Chair), Kiia Koskinen (Secretary), Meri Henell, Khanh Hoang, Christian Guidikov, Alvar Isomäki, Tran Hoang Minh, Jonasz Ciesielski, Helen Nguyen, Ojaswi Tyagi, Hien Thao Vu, Dũng Nguyen, Napat Borvornpadungkitti (joined: 19:34), Aawez Akbar (joined: 19:34), Atte Ikola (left: 19:47), Hanna Erlund (left: 19:58), Aleksi Alatalo (joined: 19:45)

1 Opening the meeting

Pranava Varshan opened the meeting at 19:30.

2 Legality and quorum of the meeting

The meeting is legal and has quorum.

3 Selecting minutes inspectors

Ojaswi Tyagi and Hien Thao Vu were selected as minutes inspectors.

4 Accepting the agenda for the meeting

Jonasz suggested going through the length of members' access to the guild room. The agenda for the meeting was accepted.

5 How are you doing round

Atte had a very DG day today, he had meetings of which one was with the DG fuksis, and then with DG's IE about the TiK x DG sitsit

Hanna has been good, she is happy to be here and see a dog

Meri is alright

Chris is great

Dung is good, he pet the alpacas today

Alvar is good, but tired

Helen is fine

Minh is good

Jonasz could be better, could be worse, he also saw alpacas

Oj is good, the Wappu lecture was today and it went well

Zoe is doing ok

Khanh also saw the alpacas and is doing good

Kiia is great

Pranav is pretty good, alpacas and bunnies were cute

6 Announcements

Christian says covid sucks. We had a successful Epoch 7.

Napat Borvornpadungkitti and Aawez Akbar joined the meeting at 19:34.

7 May Day Presentation

Atte Ikola presented May Day, the English Wappu publication. It is published for the first time this year. Everyone has a chance to sell the publication. May Day deals start from 10 publications. On the dealing day, there's a chance to win prizes for the guild.

The dealing day is on 23.3, seller training is on 10.4, and the crashdate when the selling begins is on 13.4.

Aleksi Alatalo joined the meeting at 19:45.

Atte Ikola left the meeting at 19:47.

8 Julkku Presentation

Hanna Erlund from Julkku came to present the magazine. Julkku 2026 will be released on 18.4. Julkku also supports students and some projects such as Rantasauna and Smökki Terrace. You can apply for grants for projects from Julkku.

Registration as a salesperson and 24-hour contest starts on 31.3, sales training is on 13.4, and the release of Julkku is on 18.4. The winner of the 24-contest gets either 300€, 30 bottles of refreshments, or 300 donuts.

DG is in the small category with KY, KK, VK, PJK, NuDe.

Hanna Erlund left the meeting at 19:58.

9 Administrative issues

9.1 Emails, Mailbox, Bills

Pranav went through the mailbox. There were some publications and a card.

There is a bill of 23€ for Planeetta Internet Oy, which is for the domain of the website. The bank account has been unbanned. Oj needs to still get the creator account.

9.2 Membership applications

There are no new membership applications.

9.3 Annual meeting

The annual meeting will be on 24.3. from 19 forwards.

9.4 Other administrative issues

There was an issue with getting the storage room key from the lobby services, which should be solved now. A message to the 2025 BOA chat should be sent about returning their keys.

10 Fuksi and Tutor Updates

The Wappu lecture went well.

Tutor interviews have been going well. There's a lot of applicants and the tutors will be announced soon.

11 Main HCP announcement

Two interviews were held. Pranav announced that the main HCP will be Christian Guidikov.

12 Budget Review

Pranav presented the budget for 2026. The annual meeting will have a more condensed version of the budget.

General operations:

The plan is to suggest increasing the membership fee to 7€. For 2026, the guild should aim to have 75 people buying a membership.

We are currently missing around 800€-1000€ from Netlight, since we have never billed them.

Aawez said that the resecurement might not be possible for all the sponsors. However, there are some new sponsors who would be interested in sponsoring overalls.

The AYY association grant was 545€ last year. They have a point system, which determines the grant's amount. Pranav will have a meeting with them to see if we can increase the grant. The application period is in May. The SCI budget is the same as last year.

General operations should end up with profit of which majority will go under new students.

New students:

The fuksi guide income should be similar as last year. The grants for fuksis from SCI have been confirmed and are similar to previous years.

Aawez and Pranav discussed the possible leftover sponsorship money and where it should be directed to. Aawez suggested that the fuksi budget should be scaled based on the amount of sponsorship money. It might be possible that there will not be leftover sponsorship money to give to the guild.

IE:

IE should try to end up with around 100€ in profit by the end of the year. If IE wants to test the dishes before an event, the ticket price should be raised slightly to compensate.

DGCC:

DGCC will get 800€ of the SCI grant for sports and culture and should end up with 300€ in profit.

Studies:

Studies will get 1660€ in grants from SCI. The expenses will mainly be for pre(xam) parties and marketing for ABIs and the guild.

There was a suggestion that the Nuuksio trip could be organized as the exchange event. Aawez said that it would be nice to prioritize new events, since we have never organized an exchange event before.

Pranav suggested that we buy folding tables and chairs for marketing material.

Guild Room:

Guild room operations should end up with 100€ in profit, which can be achieved by drink and food sales.

IT:

IT will get grants for digital services from SCI, which will be used for all the operations. IT could look at accounting software and make use of black fridays.

Epoch:

There are still some people who haven't paid and need to be billed. Epoch ended up with 241€ in profit.

Wellbeing:

Wellbeing will get 460€ of the SCI budget for sports and culture as well as 420€ for wellbeing events, nuuksio and summer days

General participation fees are not needed for wellbeing events. Some of the money from wellbeing will be directed to tutor wellbeing.

Merchandise:

The profit from last year should go to merch and Minh wants to subsidise the cost for merch from last year's profit.

Patches do not need to be bought right now, but the situation should be evaluated after Wappu.

Other discussion about the budget:

There was a discussion about how the guild should handle cash. The cash from events should be transferred to the guild quickly. The cash boxes should have trackers.

Committees like publicity and songmaster can use the budget from general operations. The committee heads should consult Pranav before making any big purchases.

In the future, the budget should be done together with the committees.

Based on calculations, by the end of the year the guild should make around 3500€ of profit.

Aawez asked if there's any budget for annual balls. The guild doesn't have a specific budget for it, but it can be considered case by case, based on interest and the available budget.

Pranav suggested that a volunteer budget or a board fun budget should be considered.

13 Epoch 7 Feedback and Learnings

Christian hopes everyone enjoyed Epoch 7. It was a fun experience organising it, but tiring. His main goal was to streamline the process, so that it's easy to organize in the future.

Christian said it can be daunting to organize, which is why the knowledge transfer should be as easy as following a list. He's scared that people won't organize Epoch in the future if it is too daunting.

The knowledge transfer will be made, as well as a sheet to show how to keep track of spendings.

The feedback from Epoch 7 was quite good. We got 7 replies to the feedback, and the overall rating of the event was 9/10.

There were some mixed reviews about the buffet. The organization of it could have been done better. In addition, the theme could be more consistent throughout the event. Another suggestion made by Christian was to not have any theme next year. Aawez argued that having a theme is also something that makes us and Epoch unique.

Another problem with Epoch 7 was that there were too few volunteers for the cleaning of the afterparty. The same people end up having to clean the places. The problem is that almost no one wanted that shift, so there weren't enough volunteers to help. There was some discussion about delegating tasks and the role of lead responsables. The lead responsables should be there the whole time and there could be a meeting before the event with the lead responsables.

Christian Guidikov left the meeting at 21:23.

14 External updates

14.1 Dean's Lunch

The new programme was discussed. They will likely have to form a new guild, and the tutors from Athene and Prodeko will help them in the beginning.

There will be an alumni skumppa event during Wappu.

FSHS has a lot of people coming to them who are overworked from volunteering.

14.2 Update from Teekkarikokous

The fuksi major said they can't give fuksi education to the new programme's fuksis, because they're not teekkaris.

Another topic discussed was that the guilds are having too many events. To help this, the need for events should be mapped out before organizing them.

14.2.1 Vice Reps

There were no applicants. Kiia and Khanh volunteered as vice reps.

14.3 DG x TIK Collaboration Agreement

There was an agreement made when DG left TiK, that concerned the possibility of DG taking the Macadamia fuksis. The chair of TiK has discussed this with the captains of the guild. TiK says they can keep the Macadamia fuksis, but they can also give them to DG.

Pranav will discuss this topic with the head of CS. Taking the Macadamia fuksis to DG would mean 40 master's fuksis and they would join DG starting from 2027.

The CS department gives money for master's fuksis. If we were to take the fuksis, an international captain would be needed.

Some positive sides of taking Macadamia fuksis would be that we would receive more money from the CS department and it would bring some active people to the guild. Our intake would also increase, which would be good for the guild. In addition, it might be easier to get sponsors if we also have master's students.

Some concerns are with the level of activeness master's fuksis would have and the problems with tutoring and events. Most of the events could not be done together, which would bring logistical issues. The board would also require a structural change, since a new position would be needed, and the proportion of tutors and fuksis will be changed.

14.4 Corp Relations

14.5 Easter Eggs

The board could hide some easter eggs around the guild room and also in other guilds' guild rooms.

15 Board fun

The board should do thrifting soon for the photoshoot. Christian is looking into it.

The BOA trip to Latvia could be possible. It is only 20€ for the ferry+bus tickets and it would be around 20€ a night. We could do 2 days in Latvia and it's possible that the trip is under 100€.

16 Other issues

16.1 IT

The possibility of making a bot to submit bills will be discussed in the next IT meeting. Other points to discuss is the integration of Kide and ilmomasiina and to have the membership checker on the website or Kide.

16.2 GR Access

Jonasz asked how long the access to the guild room should be for members. Pranav said it should be a bit more than a year. Oj suggested that the membership access should be renewed at some certain time or that it expires at the same time for everyone. There was some discussion about how that would work in practice.

16.3 Sakko

16.4 Other other issues

Oj asked if people could not vote for the 7pm times, so that the board meetings would not start so late.

Helen Nguyen was chosen as the women's representative in the wellbeing committee.

17 Next meeting

The next meeting will be polled for. The poll will be for a recurring time for the meetings.

18 Closing the meeting

Pranava Varshan closed the meeting at 21:54.



Pranava Varshan
Chair of the meeting



Kiia Koskinen
Secretary of the meeting



Ojaswi Tyagi
Minutes inspector



Hien Thao Vu
Minutes inspector