Board meeting of the Data Guild board

Time: 18:00 on Thursday, August 20th, 2026
Place: A120b, Konemiehentie 2, 02150, Espoo

Present: Pranava Varshan (Chair), Kiia Koskinen (Secretary), Ojaswi Tyagi, Hien Thao Vu, Magnus Greig, Nghi Vo (left 18:27), Christian Guidikov, Katsuya Kurosawa, Meri Henell, Khanh Hoang, Anna Sihvonen, Aawez Akbar (joined 18:08), Alvar Isomäki (joined 18:08), Jonasz Ciesielski (joined 18:08), Daniel Tiessalo (joined 18:08), Dung Nguyen (joined 18:12)

1 Opening the meeting

Pranava Varshan opened the meeting at 18:02.

2 Legality and quorum of the meeting

The meeting is legal and has quorum.

3 Selecting minutes inspectors

Ojaswi Tyagi and Christian Guidikov were chosen as the minutes inspectors.

Christian Guidikov left the meeting from 19:07-19:10 , so Magnus Greig was chosen as the minutes inspector for that time.

4 Accepting the agenda for the meeting

Christian wanted to add a point for HCP. Oj asked to add a point about the Netlight and overalls money.

The agenda for the meeting was accepted.

5 How are you doing round

Chris is doing great, his work is fun and Greece was very refreshing
Khanh is sleepy and wants to sleep more, but otherwise things are nice
Meri is doing nah
Anna is doing good, fuksis are really nice, she met some yesterday during the Ikea trip
Kiia is doing good, she needs to finish her thesis
Zoe's thesis presentation is done and her job ended. She loves being jobless
Ojaswi is doing good
Katsuya should be locking in more, the fuksis he met are nice, the tent weights are lot heavier than he remembered
Nghi is good
Magnus says that his work has been a rollercoaster

Pranav is doing well, he's super excited for headstart

6 Announcements

Nghi sighs. Katsuya says the Ikea Djungelskog is way too expensive.

7 Administrative issues

7.1 Emails, Mailbox, Bills

The mailbox hasn't been checked, there are a few bills that need to be paid.

Aawez Akbar, Alvar Isomäki, Jonasz Ciesielski, and Daniel Clegg joined the meeting at 18:08.

7.2 Membership applications

The membership registry in Kide works now. The people can buy a membership, which we have to accept manually. The membership will expire on 31.7. The tiers are 7€ for the normal membership, and 15€ and 25€ for a support membership. We need to change some of the privacy policies before publishing Kide. In addition, the Kide page should be made nicer.

Dung Nguyen joined the meeting at 18:12.

7.3 Other administrative issues

8 Fuksi and Tutor Updates

The fuksi guides are here! They have updated a lot of stuff, and made it a lot more DG-like. In addition, the first ever fuksi trailer was released, for which a youtube channel was created for. The fuksis have been watching the video and reading the guide. The fuksi webpage was also updated and a marketing scheme is done for all of the fuksi stuff. For promotion, a reel version of the trailer will be released, and a Tiktok for the Teekkari life lecture has been done.

Aawez will make the order for the overalls after the orientation week. There is enough money for the overalls, currently 5800€ have been secured. We also will have TEK money for the orientation week. A few changes for the overalls will be made for this year. The fuksi committee account currently has 1921€. Many sponsors have not paid yet, such as Sellforte and Vuono group. We should be able to pay for overalls, as there should be enough money on the account.

There are a lot more fuksis than in previous years. Currently around 45 fuksis are in the chat. 39 of them are new students, some are transfer students, and a few are joining DG as a fuksi from some other guild.

Nghi Vo left the meeting at 18:27.

There was a long discussion about how the finances should be split between the fuksi operations and the guild operations. The conclusion was that for this year Aawez should try to keep the fuksi budget within the sponsor money (5800€), and the 1700€ from the SCI budget should be reimbursed to the guild.

Pranav suggested that for future years no matter how much sponsor x pays, always a certain percentage of the money goes to the guild. The fuksi committee can use the whole fuksi budget from the SCI budget in this case. The other option is that the fuksi committee takes the whole sponsor money and try to keep the spending within that, remaining fuksi budget from SCI goes to the guild, but this is not necessarily the best option. Aawez agreed, but said that the second option works for this year and potentially for the next as well, since some sponsors are secured. Pranav agreed with this and said that for this year it's alright that the fuksi committee takes all of the sponsor money and the SCI money goes to the guild. However, for the next year the decision could be different.

Another discussion was about where last year's overall money should go. The split for this money has not been previously defined. Meri suggested tying the money based on sponsor agreements. Aawez said that the sponsor agreements almost always include the logo on overalls and some are sponsoring the fuksi guide, which would tie it to the fuksi budget. Oj doesn't think it's fair that the fuksi committee would also take the entire 1000€ from the last year's overalls. Aawez said that since the overalls will cost more this year, because of more fuksis and the changes he will make, he's worried about what will be left after orientation week and the overall order.

Aawez asked how he should introduce the guild membership. Last year it was done during the same time with overall fitting. Often the problem is that fuksis don't buy the membership, and they realize it during the elections when they can't vote. Anna suggested that after the fuksis get added to the main chat, Pranav or Magnus will send a message about the membership. However, Aawez would prefer to do it after orientation week since the fuksis will get a lot of information every day. The message should be sent a week after the orientation week.

Oj asked how Aawez wants to make the fuksis pay for the overalls. It has been done before with a form, but this year it could be done on Kide. Anna said that they should buy it from Kide. However, Oj said that some people might not want to buy it immediately. Aawez agreed that the previous system has worked well since a lot of international students don't understand overalls as a concept. Buying from Kide immediately would decrease the number of fuksis buying overalls. It might be too much to ask for 25€ in the first few days here, and some people might not have their bank accounts yet. We could make them buy them later from Kide, but the issue would be the same as now where some people haven't paid. Aawez is going to send a form for overalls. Pranav suggested that the form should say that you have to pay. Anna suggested that the fuksis should pay the overalls before the overalls adventure. However, Aawez doesn't want to reveal that the overalls adventure will happen soon. Pranav suggested asking for payment after ordering the overalls. Aawez said he hasn't decided yet how he will handle asking for the payment.

The conversation went back to the budget. Anna proposed that we guarantee 1,7k for the fuksi committee every year from the sponsor money, since this can be reimbursed next year. So the fuksi

committee would have 1,7k upfront to use. The other sponsor money would be split between the fuksi committee and the guild in some percentage. Aawez suggested that we think about next year in another meeting. It was agreed that the 5,8k is until wappu, but the next board should decide more about how the change of fuksi committees is taken into account for the budgets of the committees. It would be good to have separate accounts for the two fuksi committees during the spring so that we know whose money is whose. After orientation week Pranav, Oj and Aawez should have a separate meeting about the budget.

Aawez said that the Teekkari life lecture needs representatives. Anna has already agreed. Aawez has only asked the board. He would like to ask the BAO first since we represent DG this year. Khanh can go to the second shift. Aawez will send a message to BAO.

The fuksi calendar will be sent soon. Aawez asked which events the board will attend. There could be issues with fitting all the people to the spaces, such as Ossinkulma.

Aawez asked whose responsibility the fuksi tournament is, since it has changed during the past few years. Aawez changed that the tournament is the responsibility of the fuksi captain. It will be a summer cottage trip, where the fuksis are taken there with cars. The board speksi needs to be revamped for the tournament. Pranav wants to keep the cancel data guild song, but Aawez doesn't want to keep the "guild is broke" part. Aawez asked that the speksi is not just sitting around a table and being boring, it should be more entertaining.

Aawez is still thinking about whether the board should cheat or not. If the board will cheat, it needs to be blatant. Anna suggested audibly disqualifying the board every round. Aawez needs to tell the board what the races are and how to cheat in them.

Pranav will poll for who's going to the championship on Saturday. Aawez would also want to perform his year's speksi as well, if there's time and enough people. He has also thought that the tutors and maybe the board would pay 5€ for the trip and food.

Daniel Tiessalo left the meeting at 18:56.

9 Committee Updates

9.1 IE

Anna and Tarm had a meeting today. They will have 5-6 meals to prepare for the orientation week.
The Tallinn trip poll will be sent after the orientation week. Pranav said that it would be nice to share a Google maps with interesting points. Anna was thinking about making a basic group itinerary for Tallinn. The trip will be on some day between 11-13th of September, depending on the prices.

Tarm hasn't been paid yet, but otherwise everyone has been paid back. Not too many losses have been made during the year. Pranav has put us in the queue for a new room next year. The lock situation has been fixed.

9.2 IT

The website should be done first before moving the registry to our own website, since we're using Kide now. A design focused hackathon challenge for website UI could be done during a DG hackathon. We also need to hold a hackathon with a sponsor who we have an agreement with to hold a hackathon together. The look of the new website can be made by the members. During Dung's term the website should be migrated and the UI should be fixed.

Aawez Akbar left the meeting at 19:04.

9.3 DGCC

Khanh is planning an event for the end of September. She is thinking about doing capture the flag or a murder mystery event. She will poll for a meeting soon. Khanh has asked Aleksi for the space for Casino night.

9.4 Wellbeing

The cottage trip went well. The people really liked the volleyball court.

Christian Guidikov left the meeting at 19:07.

Only one person hasn't paid for the trip yet. The two random people should pay for the bus, since they haven't paid yet. The gas money should be sent as a bill as well.

Christian Guidikov joined the meeting at 19:10.

The Nuuksio trip will be in December. Pranav suggested picking a date in late September. There's a document for how to organize the event.

There's no events planned for right now. The otahalli organized tournaments start later.

9.5 Corporate Relations

9.6 Guild Room

The pantti money should go to the GR money. Oj suggested to do something close to what Athene has, where you put money to a website, and when you buy something, the money gets subtracted from the website. They have many options for foods and snacks, such as noodles, nocco, piltti etc.

Jonasz should get help for cleaning the GR. The only possible time to clean is either tomorrow or Sunday. He should ask for help in the GR chat.

Jonasz has plans to get plants and grow lights, and some new furniture. Pranav suggested getting new board games. They could be bought from Tori or Kierrätyskeskus. The fridge should be restocked before the fuksis come.

9.7 Publicity

Some reels have been planned for the orientation week. Zoe said there's been talks about making a tiktok account. Anna said we already have a tiktok handle, but she doesn't know who has the account. However, Zoe doesn't know if she would want to use tiktok.

Pranav suggested thinking about what would be the most optimal way to use the publicity committee. For example, some roles could be assigned to people and the committee should be more activated next year. Anna said that the guild needs more visibility in the professional side, so posts about new intakes of fuksis or sponsors we've gotten, as well as wins and hackathon participations.

9.8 Study

Danny has been talking with Maarit about the programme introduction for the fuksis.

9.9 Merchandise

We have the Liian patches now.

9.10 Songmaster

The songmasters have not been contacted yet about fuksisitsit.

9.11 HCP

Christian had a meeting with the committee before the summer about rebranding HCPs and wanted to ask the board's opinion. It's been on the agenda for a while to rebrand HCPs as mediators. Oj doesn't like the sound of mediator, which Pranav and Christian agree with. However, they also mention that the word is the closest to what the role involves. Christian thinks it's going to be more of a gradual change over the years. Christian also wondered how he should inform the guild about the HCPs and the rebranding, but he will discuss this in the HCP committee.

For the alumni, he's planning a graduation party in September with Danny, since it did not happen in June. Christian also had a discussion with Ilmari about building a network for alumni. One idea is a Telegram group, since currently there's only an email list. This would make it easier to send information to the alumni, and when you graduate you get added to the alumni chat. It would be good to also know what type of events they would be happy to participate in and how they would like to be connected to the guild.

Another point brought up was if people are considered alumni after graduating bachelor's or master's. Since DG officially stops after bachelor's, we should consider someone a DG alumni after bachelor's. It is also difficult to figure out about people graduating master's.

Christian also asked about making a committee to help organize events for the alumni, but Pranav and Anna suggested using existing committees, such as wellbeing.

Aawez Akbar joined the meeting at 19:34.

Anna suggested that we should start regularly bringing first aid kits to larger events, since currently we don't have them. There should also be knowledge about knowing how to help in emergency situations, especially related to alcohol. The HCPs should carry the first aid kit to the event. Jonasz said that we should find reliable sources for information on first aid. The most relevant knowledge to us should be known by many people. Jonasz suggested that we should ask for a GR specific first aid kit from the school.

10 Other discussion points

10.1 Dean's Meeting

We have a new dean, she's cool and builds legos in her office. The previous discussions have been mainly about the new bachelor's programme.

10.2 Discharging Old Boards

The inspectors are working to discharge the boards.

10.3 TTER Fund Proposal

The DL is 20.9. We should ask the guild what they want to ask for. Anna said she wants the guild room revamped, such as to build something like a loft. Aawez suggested a mural.

There should be discussions with the committees about ideas for the proposal.

10.4 Way of Working for 2nd half of the year

Magnus will chair the meetings, while Pranav does administrative stuff. Pranav will try to make it to join the meetings online.

10.5 Booking dates for Election Meeting and Guild Uprising

The previous chair has usually done the election meeting. The election will be held in the second week of November. The presentation for the guild uprising was done last year by Anna. Pranav wants to make a few changes to the presentation. A poll needs to be done to see when BAO can make it.

Aawez Akbar and Jonasz Ciesielski left the meeting at 19:51.

Christian brought up the possibility of doing digital voting. However, Pranav mentioned that it is difficult because you need to be aware of who is in the room and who is not. Oj and Pranav agreed that voting with paper has worked well this far.

Oj asked if the elections are going to be only for the board and if the officials are chosen later, which was agreed on. Christian mentioned that he has heard discussion about the current election style, where people have thought it is similar to a popularity contest. Some people have suggested that we should have a former of the board and Christian wanted to open the discussion about the possibility of this. Pranav said he is personally against it since there might be more people unhappy with that. Anna and Oj agreed to this. They mentioned that this election style works better for bigger guilds, and might be difficult to implement in a small guild like DG. There would also be some questions about who chooses the former, and if they could form the board in an unbiased way.

Anna would want to change how questions are asked from the candidates, by the chair having one or two set questions and allowing a few questions from other people. Christian suggested that the questions should be set ahead of time, and the candidates know the questions.

Pranav suggested that the chair asks the questions and the participants shouldn't know the questions ahead of time. Oj asked if this is the chair of the board or the chair of the meeting asking the questions. Anna said it should be the chair of the board, since they know more or less about the issues with the roles. Oj argued that then the current chair could affect the results in some way.

Christian said that the popularity contest aspect also comes from the fact that some people can be more charismatic through their speech. He suggested that there should be a form with a lot of questions and the board picks the specific questions to ask from those on the day of the election. This could help the candidates to prepare better, and not make the voters pick based on who speaks the best, when none of the board roles require this skill.

Pranav wants to also include the audience's questions. Oj suggested that the candidates don't have to answer if the questions are for example inappropriate. The board can also not accept questions from the audience if they have nothing to do with the role.

Pranav added that as a small guild, it's difficult to completely erase the popularity contest aspect of the elections. Anna suggested that we could have public applications, where everyone knows who is applying, and each role has one or two questions that the candidate fills. This would be similar to TiK's system, however, we would not have a forum to discuss.

Aawez Akbar and Jonasz Ciesielski joined the meeting at 20:02.

Pranav said that this could be a good addition, but we can still allow speeches and questions during the elections. Christian also agreed that it's good to have applications with questions, but for DG's purpose it

would be good that the applicants remain anonymous until the elections. In DG often people don't apply if they know an older student is going to apply for the same position. Pranav suggested that we announce all the applicants at the same time, but people can still apply on the spot.

It was agreed that there will be a few set questions, and that the current BAO can give questions for their successor. The questions and the form will be put on the website. The candidates will fill the form by some set DL. The people who apply on the spot will not be asked these questions. The people who fill the form will therefore have an advantage. We also try to minimize the amount of questions during the meeting.

11 Other issues

11.1 Other other issues

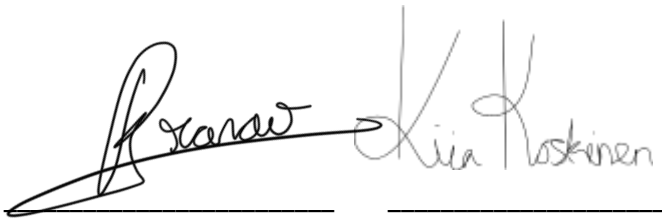
Oj asked if he should pay people back or wait in case Aawez needs liquidity for purchases. Anna suggested paying people from the beginning of the year. Aawez said that he won't need that much liquidity so it should be alright. Oj also needs some details for some companies who have not been billed yet.

12 Next meeting

There will be a poll in a few days for the next meeting.

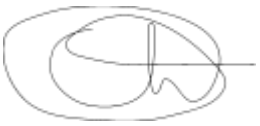
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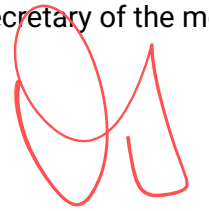
Pranava Varshan closed the meeting at 20:12.



Pranava Varshan
Chair of the meeting

Kiia Koskinen
Secretary of the meeting





Christian Guidikov
Minutes inspector

Ojaswi Tyagi
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