Board meeting of the Data Guild board

Time: 19:00 on Friday, September 18, 2026
Place: Data Guild Guild Room, Konemiehentie 2, 02150 Espoo

Present: Magnus Greig (Chair), Kiia Koskinen (Secretary), Pranava Varshan (online), Ojaswi Tyagi, Christian Guidikov, Thuan Nguyen, Khanh Hoang, Katsuya Kurosawa, Hien Thao Vu, Kieu Anh Nguyen, Lotta Partola, Thuan Nguyen, Jonasz Ciesielski, Meri Henell (online), Aleksei Filonov (joined 19:03), Anna Sihvonen (joined 19:10, online), Daniel Clegg (joined 19:54), Mael Chauvet (joined 20:07), Aawez Akbar (joined 20:45, online), Mihhail Kriiva (joined 20:46)

1 Opening the meeting

Magnus Greig opened the meeting at 19:01.

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.

4 Accepting the agenda for the meeting

Oj found another company to bill, which was added to the agenda.
Chris wants to add an Epoch committee update to the agenda.

The agenda for the meeting was accepted.

5 How are you doing round

Kiia is doing good, she submitted her thesis today so she has more time to do stuff
Chris is doing great, he is excited for fuksisitsit and his work is going great
Thuan is doing good, he's a fuksi
Khanh says she's eepy to which Jonasz says starting tomorrow we'll have Monster in the guild room
Katsuya is doing pretty good, the first in class exercise in PAT went better than expected
Jonasz skips his turn
Aleksei is excited for tomorrow
Lotta is doing pretty good, just did calc 1 homework
Kieu is doing pretty good, but she's still suffering from calc 1
Zoe is good good, she's submitting her thesis any minute now, she has been quite busy but good
Oj is doing good, he went through the guild bank account and found a lot of things from a couple years ago, the food he got is bad

Magnus is pretty good, he's been working and studying a bit
Pranav is great, Japan has been amazing and the food has been good. The people are nice and they met Janna a few times. They are going to Hong Kong next week. Pranav says that Meri is sleepy.

6 Announcements

Oj announced that covid still sucks
Christian says that fuksisitsit are tomorrow!
Katsuya says that the new guild room is sick af.

7 Administrative issues

7.1 Emails, Mailbox, Bills

Oj has accepted all the bills.
Mailbox has been checked before Pranav left, but someone needs to check it before the next board meeting.

7.2 Membership applications

The following members were accepted:

Aapo Kaijanmäki
Aarush Gupta
Arttu Häkkinen
Atte Kivioja
Borna Shirvani
Ekkehard Schnoor
Elias Piironen
Emil Mattinen
Ida Behm
Jesse Suutari
Jonne Sainio
Justus Reichel
Kieu Anh Nguyen
Khanh Huy Hoang
Lev Mashkilleyson
Nadya Boitseva
Nam Minh Nguyen
Ngoc Han Nguyen
Nhan Vo
Saish Injal
The Tuan Pham

Anna Sihvonen joined the meeting online at 19:10.

7.3 Other administrative issues

Oj was going through the account from the past few years and found that Codento didn't pay us last year. They need to be billed for 1200€ instead of 600€. He will bill 600€ for this year first. Pranav said that the missing 600€ from last year goes to the guild.

Sellforte has paid 600€ and Vuono group was billed 1000€ today.

Oj brought up the issue with communication about the billing which has led to the missing payments from the sponsors. Someone else should be checking the billing with the treasurer, so that it is not only on the treasurer to remember to bill everyone. There should also be a more efficient way to send the treasurer bills or reminders about bills to do than through Telegram.

Magnus suggested making a sponsor management sheet with the information of invoices sent and links to emails, documents etc. Oj said he can make it for the current year.
In general there is a need for a list for all sponsors from previous years with the sponsor expiration dates.

There are still few people who have not paid old bills. They should not be accepted as members if they have old bills unpaid. They should be on a list so that we can see who still needs to pay.

Another problem is having people sign up who do not end up joining or paying for the event. A suggestion was made to look at the Kide payment page to see who's coming. However, it was brought up that people can pay at the door if they have no means to pay through Kide. The Kide admin access should be given to all heads of committees and a day or two before the event, the heads can see who's paid and estimate the amount of people coming based on that. Anna said that she would rather trust Ilmomasiina than Kide for who's coming.

Other suggestions were to remove people some time before the event from Ilmomasiina if they haven't paid and open their spots for other people, and to blacklist people who don't pay for events.

Pranav said that Dung should get Stripe ASAP, so that people have to pay first and then the Ilmomasiina sign-up is accepted.

8 Fuksi and Tutor Updates

No issues. Fuksis doing good. Fuksisitsit are tomorrow.

9 Committee Updates with Budget overview

9.1 IE

IE are working on fuksisitsit right now. Anna and Tarm should get paid back through the bot. Oj hasn't paid yet because there are big purchases in the next few weeks. Anna suggested that it should take maximum 6 months to pay back money for people, which Pranav and Oj agreed to.

The JMT1 storage door was open again. Pranav has said that he has asked to be put for the queue for a new storage for next year.

Vasara & Konteksti asked again to do gray sitsit and they're discussing this with them. Other than this, IE have chill cooking events in mind for winter. 3 babIEs were selected, who are people from the IE committee who the IE rely most on from volunteers. Oj said someone like that would also be good for the treasurer. He could start with having someone from the corporate relations committee, but they would not have access to bank stuff.

Daniel Clegg joined the meeting at 19:54.

9.2 IT

9.3 DGCC

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9.5 Corporate Relations

Discussed earlier.

9.6 Guild Room

Jonasz is going to send some bills to Oj, they will discuss this later. Jonasz also wants to do a guild room cleaning for fuksi points within the next week or two. The committee has brought up some things that could be bought for the guild room, which will settle the budget for the year.

Jonasz used around 220€ for the Monsters & Red Bulls, and 110€ was used previously, as well as 15-20€ for supplies. At the moment he has around 360€ left from the budget. And if the Monsters and Red Bulls are sold, the committee should have more money. This is considering that people don't steal the drinks.

Zoe suggested an Ikea trip buy some decorations for the guild room. Jonasz said that he's considering buying small lights and a projector for events. Anna bought a lot of fairy lights for the fuksisitsit, so they

can be used later in the guild room. Pranav said that the fairy lights should be kept neatly since every year the lights get lost or destroyed.

Jonasz also brought up the issue that people don't put back the stuff they take from the storage after events. This makes the guild room cluttered. It was suggested that Jonasz should send a reminder to the BAO chat that people should return the things they borrowed from the storage.
Christian suggested a sakko system, where some of the budget could be moved to other committees. However, Oj and Pranav said that this might not work since it's difficult to keep track of. In conclusion, anyone who is responsible for the event and takes stuff from the storage needs to make sure that it ends up back there.

Pranav and Anna suggested that another locked cupboard should be bought for the guild room.
Jonasz and Magnus suggested that the old cupboards should be cleaned so that they can be used. In addition, Anna mentioned that the pantries have wrong labels, and we have lost plates etc.

Mael Chauvet joined the meeting at 20:07.

9.7 Publicity

Zoe mentioned that she is overwhelmed by the amount of pictures we have and she doesn't know how to manage all the materials. There are too many pictures to go through and pick, as well as edit.

Pranav said that the Flickr, which is currently public, should maybe be private or be accessible through a shared link. We should pick some photos that are nice for public sharing, and have the rest private.

Zoe said that arranging and deleting is annoying on Flickr, which is why the photos from photographers should go through her before putting them on Flickr. She would like to choose a fixed person to help with managing the photos by polling for someone. Zoe also suggested that the fuksis could take and share some photos, since there are fuksis who are interested in taking photos.

Overall, the public folder should only have good, representative photos, and people should know that these photos are public for everyone to see. All the photos from events can be put in the link-shared folders.

Zoe wants to format the email for the newsletter differently, but in order to do that she might need an external provider which costs. The budget for the formatting can be taken from IT. Zoe also asked about getting disposable cameras for the fuksis. Around 100€ could be used from general operations.

9.8 Study

9.9 Merchandise

9.10 Songmaster

9.11 HCP

Christian brought up the HCP name rebrand to mediator again. He wants to have a HCP committee meeting and discuss the issue internally. He will make a proposal for the next meeting about the rebrand, so that it could be implemented next year.

Another issue Christian brought up was not having enough HCPs, since not enough people are applying. There should be something done to make the role more attractive.

Magnus suggested discounted tickets, which Christian agreed with, but also expressed his worries about people only applying for the role for discounted tickets. The main HCP should also set a standard for the applicants. Oj suggested 10% off from the ticket price, which was agreed with. Kiia suggested for the main HCP to send messages to people who could be a good fit for the role, but aren't HCPs yet.

Pranav brought up that being the main HCP, songmaster etc. should be emphasized more during the guild uprising. He said that the forms for some roles could be opened already.

9.12 Epoch

Christian wants to open the application for the head of Epoch already. He said that the best case scenario would be to have 1-2 applicants, but in the case that no one applies, he will DM people. Ideally there should be 2 people responsible for Epoch who know how to organize it. There could also be people who shadow the process like last year.

Pranav suggested that the current head of Epoch should compile a list of venues, their availability, and prices already now. This would help the next heads to see what is available, and the venue could be booked earlier. Christian said that there should be a hard deadline when a place should be booked in case we don't have a new head. We should also have the head(s) of Epoch by the end of October and the venue should be booked from mid to end of November.

10 Other discussion points

10.1 TTER Fund Proposal

TTER Fund Proposals close in a day. Pranav can ask about it in the BAO chat. Some ideas from the meeting were a bigger flag and monitors for the guild room.

Aawez Akbar joined the meeting online at 20:45.

10.2 Guild Uprising format

The dates for the uprising will be polled soon so that we can book a place. Pranav asked if people have suggestions for changing the format of the guild uprising, or if we should keep the same format.

Aawez wants to think about changing the format more and make it more engaging. He also mentioned that the uprising is usually very long and the fuksis start to lose interest after the board positions have been presented. The potential changes can be discussed in the next board meeting.

10.3 Guild Election dates

The election format will be properly gone through in the next board meeting.

Mihhail Kriiva joined the meeting at 20:46.

10.4 Visit from Prague

The guild from Prague asked about visiting us. Pranav replied to them and they said that they will come back to us. Most likely at least a campus tour will be organized for them. If there is time, we can discuss a potential event.

11 Other issues

11.1 Other other issues

Kiia asked if anyone would want to be in an interview with her that goes to the data science webpage on the aalto website. She will ask the BAO chat first for people who would be interested.

Pranav asked if anyone had any questions about or opposed the Nyyti ry petition about students being able to select their gender and preferred name in student information systems. No one opposed.

12 Next meeting

The next meeting is the next next next Wednesday on the 7th of October.

13 Closing the meeting

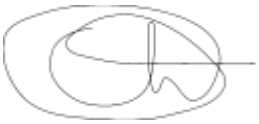
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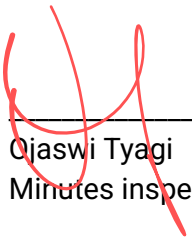
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Chair of the meeting



Kiia Koskinen
Secretary of the meeting



Christian Guidikov
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