

Minutes of the LPI 2024 Annual General Meeting June 21st, 2025

AGM Recap

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Chair: Uirá Ribeiro

Facilitator: G. Matthew Rice (Executive Director)

Community Host: Max Roveri (Community Manager)

Summary

Attendees at the Linux Professional Institute 2025 AGM heard updates from Jon "maddog" Hall on the election process, Ricardo Prudenciano on LPI's financial surplus in 2024, and G. Matthew Rice on recent initiatives and community engagement, including the 25th-anniversary celebration and new certification updates. The election of Ricardo Prudenciano, Henrietta Dumbas-Gaya, Verner Fischer, Simone Bertuli, and Thiago Goncalves to the board was announced, and Dan York and Evan Leibovitch were inducted into the Hall of Fellows for their foundational contributions to LPI and the open-source community. Discussions also covered the use of open-source software for meetings and updates on LPI and school outreach.

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Details

- **AGM Welcome and Introductions** Max Roveri welcomed attendees to the Linux Professional Institute 2025 AGM ([00:28:50](#)). Max then introduced Jon "maddog" Hall, the board chair emeritus, highlighting their extensive history in programming and contributions to open source and LPI ([00:30:31](#)). Jon "maddog" Hall took over as the returning officer ([00:31:57](#)).
- **Election Process and Candidates** Jon "maddog" Hall explained the election process, noting that voting would close at 9:30 EDT. They detailed the two paths for board member selection: through the nominating committee (non-com) and through membership nomination ([00:31:57](#)) ([00:34:31](#)). For the non-com slate, five candidates were nominated for two three-year terms, while for the membership slate, four candidates were nominated for three positions with varying term lengths (three, two, and one year) determined by the vote count ([00:33:16](#)).
- **Treasurer's Report: Financial Health** Ricardo Prudenciano, the board treasurer, presented a report on LPI's financial results for 2024 ([00:42:05](#)). Ricardo showed a comparison of gross profit,

expenses, surplus, and the balance sheet, highlighting that LPI achieved a surplus in 2024 after some years of running in deficit. They attributed the surplus to an increase in revenue from vouchers and well-controlled expenses, indicating the financial health of LPI ([00:43:42](#)). Ricardo emphasized that LPI is maintaining this positive trend in 2025 ([00:45:27](#)).

- **Executive Director's Report: LPI Initiatives** G. Matthew Rice, the executive director, provided an overview of LPI's recent activities and milestones, referencing a publicly available annual report ([00:47:20](#)). G. Matthew Rice highlighted the ongoing celebration of LPI's 25th anniversary and the completion of the essentials tracks, including Linux, security, web development, and the non-technical open source essentials ([00:48:51](#)). They also mentioned updates to the LPC 2 and DevOps certifications, the learning materials project ([learning.lpi.org](#)), the approved trainer program for individual members, and various partner programs ([00:50:06](#)).
- **Community Engagement and Events** G. Matthew Rice discussed LPI's participation in events, notably their work with the United Nations on a hackathon focused on open source program offices (OSPOs) ([00:54:16](#)). They also shared social media and marketing statistics, noting the significant online reach LPI has achieved. G. Matthew Rice acknowledged the current board members and introduced the Hall of Fellows, which recognizes significant contributions to both LPI and the broader open source community ([00:55:43](#)). They mentioned plans for more community development and outreach, including forming committees for Hall of Fellows induction and involving approved trainers in the onboarding process for new trainers ([00:57:05](#)).
- **Board Election Results** Voting for the board of directors concluded at 9:30 EDT ([00:59:37](#)). Jon "maddog" Hall announced the election results based on data from Election Buddy. For the non-com slate, Ricardo Prudenciano and Henrietta Dumbas-Gaya were elected. For the member-nominated slate, Verner Fischer, Simone Bertuli, and Thiago Goncalves were elected, with a tie for the top two vote counts requiring a coin flip to determine the three-year and two-year terms ([01:01:06](#)) ([01:04:02](#)). G. Matthew Rice noted that two resolutions were approved with 97% of the vote ([01:05:20](#)).
- **Open Floor Session: Use of Open Source Software** Klaus Knopper raised the topic of using more open-source software for LPI's conferences and meetings, questioning the current use of Google Meet ([01:10:29](#)). G. Matthew Rice explained the historical use of Hopin and the recent switch to Google Meet due to its expanded capacity and fewer reported issues compared to other platforms like Big Blue Button and Nextcloud ([01:12:06](#)). Kevin Glendenning added that while Nextcloud is preferred internally, a current ISP routing issue affects users in certain regions, hindering its use for larger meetings ([01:13:26](#)). Fabian Thorns expressed concerns about the user experience of open-source conferencing tools for a broad audience, citing connection and performance issues ([01:16:42](#)). Klaus Knopper countered that network connectivity is often the primary issue, and Google Meet also uses WebRTC, the same technology as many open-source options ([01:19:23](#)).
- **Open Floor Session: LP1 Update and School Outreach** Samuel Lenk inquired about plans for a new version of LP1 ([01:20:20](#)). Fabian Thorns responded that the focus for the current year is updating LPC 2, with a planned update for LP1 in 2026 ([01:21:34](#)). Werner Fischer suggested that LPI should leverage the essentials exams in schools to promote Linux adoption, especially with

the end of Windows 10, noting the strong presence of proprietary vendors in educational institutions ([01:22:41](#)).

- **Hall of Fellows Induction** The Board Chair announced the induction of two new members into the Hall of Fellows: Dan York and Even Leovich. The Board Chair detailed Dan York's foundational role in suggesting and helping to create a vendor-neutral Linux certification program in 1998 and his subsequent contributions to LPI and the open internet ([01:23:54](#)) ([01:27:30](#)). Dan York expressed their gratitude for the honor ([01:28:41](#)).
- **LPI's Origins** Dan York recounted the beginnings of LPI, starting with discussions on mailing lists and at the Greater New Hampshire Linux User Group (GNU-NEL). **Dan York** and Evan Leibovitch connected after being encouraged by Mad Dog, and a pivotal moment occurred when Caldera Systems approached them about their certification program ([01:29:31](#)). Caldera ultimately decided not to create their own program and instead backed LPI with an initial investment ([01:30:23](#)).
- **Growth and Impact of LPI** Dan York noted that LPI's first exam launched around 25 years ago, highlighting the significant growth of the organization since then ([01:31:13](#)). **Dan York** emphasized the power of having an idea and building a community, which were fundamental to LPI's creation and success. They thanked the attendees for their ongoing work in building LPI and supporting the Linux movement ([01:33:01](#)).
- **Evan Leibovitch's Contributions** The Board Chair introduced Evan Leibovitch, noting their early involvement in the Canadian Linux user group and their advocacy for vendor-neutral certification. **Evan Leibovitch's** house served as LPI's first corporate address, and they were instrumental in designing the original three-level LPI certification program ([01:34:01](#)). The Board Chair highlighted Evan's diverse background and significant contributions to the open-source community ([01:35:25](#)).
- **The Community Aspect of LPI** Evan Leibovitch stated that the heart of LPI has always been its community, recalling a significant event at the 2003 World Summit on the Information Society in Geneva where over 25 people from more than a dozen countries gathered to promote open source ([01:37:05](#)). **Evan Leibovitch** emphasized that LPI's objective is to help people get jobs in open source and that the certification process facilitates this while also sustaining the organization ([01:40:05](#)). They expressed their delight in being part of LPI and seeing its continued growth ([01:41:21](#)).
- **Hall of Fellows Induction and Future Plans** The Board Chair officially welcomed Dan York and Evan Leibovitch into the LPI Hall of Fellows, acknowledging their long-standing contributions ([01:41:21](#)). **Dan York** and Evan exchanged a note about a future meeting in Geneva, connecting their past involvement with LPI to their current work ([01:42:46](#)). The Board Chair concluded the meeting by thanking all attendees and newly elected directors, mentioning upcoming board meeting schedules and welcome kits ([01:42:46](#)).

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Jon "maddog" Hall: Not not yet.

G. Matthew Rice: Good morning everyone.

Jon "maddog" Hall: Wait a minute. I just heard Oh, no. Everybody is there. Matt has let us in. So, I'm going to escape from the green room.

Board Chair: Hello.

Jon "maddog" Hall: I am here.

Board Chair: Good.

Max Roveri: Hello everybody.

Board Chair: Very well.

Jon "maddog" Hall: Just for record, next year 8:00 is way too early to start the green room. We could start the green room at like 8:45 and then transition into the real room at 9:00, I think.

G. Matthew Rice: Now for chatting offline during this meeting, do we want to use that green room or should we just use mattermost in that AGM channel we have? I think the latter, right?

Max Roveri: It should be enough.

G. Matthew Rice: All right. Um, now is there a setting I could use so that the speaker is the highlighted because we're going to have, you know, who knows, another 10, 20, 30 people in here. Um, is there a setting I can use to make it so that the speaker is the highlighted person?

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Jon "maddog" Hall: Well, I don't know, but you're highlighted right now.

G. Matthew Rice: Oh, really? Okay. Because I'm just seeing a panel of everybody.

Jon "maddog" Hall: Well, it is a panel of everybody, but I think when you click when somebody clicks on the the person, then that becomes the focal. No, it's not happening. That must be a different that must be JSY. I'm thinking of

Fabian Thorns: But I think like if you personally like someone, you can hover over them and then there's like a little pin and if you click on it, like now I clicked on Matt, now I just see him and like all of you next to him. But I think that's just for me, not for everyone.

G. Matthew Rice: Yeah, check to see if I can. Max, do you have the record button or is that just me?

Ricardo Prudenciano: Hey. Hello everyone.

Max Roveri: I

Fabian Thorns: Is

Max Roveri: have it.

Fabian Thorns: it a button or just an icon? Because I can see it.

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Fabian Thorns: It says it's recorded, but

Max Roveri: But

Fabian Thorns: if I

Max Roveri: yeah,

Fabian Thorns: click on it, I can change it.

G. Matthew Rice: Oh, we started the recording

Max Roveri: because you

G. Matthew Rice: already.

Max Roveri: are you are

G. Matthew Rice: Okay.

Max Roveri: the owner. You probably set it up uh from the beginning.

G. Matthew Rice: All right. How about I stop the recording for now?

Max Roveri: Just remember to start again at some stage.

G. Matthew Rice: Yeah. Um, let me find that recording button though because now it disappeared.

Manage recording. There it is.

Max Roveri: In the usual three dots, you should have something that we do not

G. Matthew Rice: Yeah.

Max Roveri: have.

G. Matthew Rice: Yeah. Yeah. Now I found it. It'll also take notes. So, we've got a transcription this time.

Max Roveri: That would be amazing.

G. Matthew Rice: Yeah. Yeah. Uh, let's see. And just to see if there's a way to highlight somebody.

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Fabian Thorns: So is this like the real room like are the members are joining here or is this like something

G. Matthew Rice: Yeah.

Fabian Thorns: internal and like the real meeting is happening elsewhere?

G. Matthew Rice: No, this is the real room. That's why we had that second um backstage one that Max sent out to everyone for an hour

Fabian Thorns: Okay.

G. Matthew Rice: ago.

Fabian Thorns: So, where are the members?

G. Matthew Rice: Uh they'll be here in 25 minutes. The meeting doesn't start till 9.

Fabian Thorns: Oh, okay. I wasn't aware of that. Well, in that

G. Matthew Rice: Yeah.

Fabian Thorns: case, I might miss it because like technically I'm on holiday and I'm just like waiting for the kids to wake up. So,

G. Matthew Rice: Yeah.

Jon "maddog" Hall: But

G. Matthew Rice: Kids

Jon "maddog" Hall: technically I'm technically I'm retired and I should and it's a Saturday and I should be in bed. But

Fabian Thorns: Hey,

Jon "maddog" Hall: you know

Fabian Thorns: take

Jon "maddog" Hall: we

Fabian Thorns: take

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Jon "maddog" Hall: all have to

Fabian Thorns: a look

Jon "maddog" Hall: suffer.

Fabian Thorns: at Hold on. Um, where can I unblur my screen? Uh, unblur unb. Yeah, like if if you do it right, you do it like this. Like there you can see my

Jon "maddog" Hall: Ah,

Fabian Thorns: doll. So, and that's my timely constraint. No.

G. Matthew Rice: So I think we

Jon "maddog" Hall: so

G. Matthew Rice: actually have

Jon "maddog" Hall: if you're in are you are you on holiday or where where

Fabian Thorns: Yeah,

Jon "maddog" Hall: are you?

Fabian Thorns: we are at the northern sea. Um, like at the very top of Germany like it used to be like and it's it's amazing. Like they said it's going to be like gray and windy and 17 degrees and now we have like sunshine and like 29 since like three days or so.

G. Matthew Rice: And

Fabian Thorns: So

G. Matthew Rice: nobody

Fabian Thorns: it's

G. Matthew Rice: and nobody there cuz they all got scared,

Fabian Thorns: No,

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G. Matthew Rice: right?

Fabian Thorns: there are lot of like retired people from from north like like from from the west from Germany that come here. So, I think that like like even I am like doubling down on the um age average here. But yeah, and we're here with my sister and her husband and my niece. So, yeah.

G. Matthew Rice: All right, I found out how to highlight one of the speakers. So, hi Vera.

Board Chair: Hello.

G. Matthew Rice: Your spotlight's right on you.

Board Chair: Thank you.

G. Matthew Rice: So, so I if if you hover over someone's image or video feed, the three dots, there's

Max Roveri: Now

Fabian Thorns: met

G. Matthew Rice: a

Max Roveri: you have

Fabian Thorns: you

Jon "maddog" Hall: freaking up.

G. Matthew Rice: Yeah. Let me see how Yeah, there's a pin. That's what it is. There we go. All right. And then unpin. All right. I think that should work. Oh, hey Kenji.

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G. Matthew Rice: And hi Evan. I saw you sneak in there.

Max Roveri: However, hello.

Kenji Ito: Everyone.

Max Roveri: I like

Board Chair: Hello.

Evan Leibovitch: Hey

G. Matthew Rice: I like your image. It still looks like the Cyber Punk's NFT craze from a few years ago. All right. So, has I don't know if everyone's seen the agenda just so they know what's going on here. Um, Max, maybe you could share it with people in your screen for a quick review. And it looks like we've had

Max Roveri: You

G. Matthew Rice: more.

Max Roveri: have m

G. Matthew Rice: Good.

Max Roveri: you have to allow me to share my screen or

G. Matthew Rice: Ah.

Max Roveri: if you want to take over if

G. Matthew Rice: Uh,

Max Roveri: it's more

G. Matthew Rice: no.

Max Roveri: simple.

G. Matthew Rice: That's a good that's a good thing to learn how to do. Um, how do I allow you to do that? Good question. Well, who wants to be able to share?

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G. Matthew Rice: Oh, here. Let's see. Settings. Share content from camera. No. Yeah. Okay. Here, I'll load it up. If anyone wants to do a quick Google on how to do that.

Ricardo Prudenciano: Yeah, the card you need to share.

G. Matthew Rice: Yeah. I mean, worst case, you can give me the document and I could

Max Roveri: You

G. Matthew Rice: and I

Max Roveri: have

G. Matthew Rice: can share

Max Roveri: the

G. Matthew Rice: it.

Max Roveri: Yeah.

Jon "maddog" Hall: Okay, you

G. Matthew Rice: But

Jon "maddog" Hall: see it

G. Matthew Rice: yeah,

Jon "maddog" Hall: now.

G. Matthew Rice: but yeah, here's the agenda. So, starting at 9, there's the welcome. And then at 9:10, it's going through the reports. Um, and some general words from Lera.

Jon "maddog" Hall: So, at the very beginning, uh, Max is going to introduce me and I have a little blurb about how the elections run and stuff like that.

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Jon "maddog" Hall: Should that be the place where I remind people that the elections stop at 9:30? If they haven't voted, that they should hurry up and vote.

G. Matthew Rice: Um, oh. Um, actually this part here, this yellow part should probably be down here at 9:30 where you do talk about it.

Jon "maddog" Hall: Well, but if I'm talking about it there at 9:30, that's really too late

G. Matthew Rice: That's

Jon "maddog" Hall: to

G. Matthew Rice: true.

Jon "maddog" Hall: tell them just

G. Matthew Rice: But

Jon "maddog" Hall: to

G. Matthew Rice: we we're

Jon "maddog" Hall: just

G. Matthew Rice: in his in his in his weir wrote out what he was going to say and he actually tells people to go vote. And um yeah, I mean we should do it right at the beginning of the meeting no matter who talks. Um I mean Max, you're the MC. I mean you can introduce John and then hand it

Max Roveri: Yeah.

G. Matthew Rice: to him at 9:30. I mean we can leave this as it is.

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Max Roveri: Yeah. Yeah. Yeah. We were talking about that. Basically, it's me introducing and welcoming people. Uh Mike over to Mad Dog. After me reading his intro, then Mad to me for me introducing with bio. Basically, the first time that someone talks and it's going to be mad dog, yourself, Ricardo. Before someone start talking, I uh read the bio. That's the

G. Matthew Rice: Okay.

Max Roveri: only thing basically.

G. Matthew Rice: Okay. So, Mad Dog will be talking during this 9 to 910 part, the opening and welcome.

Max Roveri: Yeah. Yeah.

G. Matthew Rice: Okay.

Max Roveri: If

G. Matthew Rice: All

Max Roveri: we

G. Matthew Rice: right.

Max Roveri: have to move it anything around, we can still do it. It's it's

G. Matthew Rice: Yeah.

Max Roveri: not set

G. Matthew Rice: No,

Max Roveri: in stone, but yeah, it should work.

G. Matthew Rice: more works for me.

Max Roveri: Yeah, it's it's basically if if you remember, we we were thinking it's kind of the hand over from the retardant officer to the chair.

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Max Roveri: So, that makes sense.

Jon "maddog" Hall: So, I will remind them that the voting is going to stop at 9:30. And anybody else who wants to remind them that the voting is going to stop at 9:30, I will not be insulted. Okay.

G. Matthew Rice: Right. Then we've got the voting and then the results. So, I have Election Buddy open and once 9:30 hits, I can get the voting results. And just as a reminder, there are two ballots. Can you see it? I can't see it there. I mean, sorry, not two ballots, two slates. So, one for the domcom candidates, one for the member submitted ones, and then the two resolutions, the minutes from last meeting, which is Yeah. And then the the auditors and we did get a quote from the from the auditor for 2026 already. So, um we are Ricardo. I could share that with you guys at the next board meeting. then member motions if any.

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G. Matthew Rice: So far there there haven't been any formally submitted. Um, so it' be if anyone's got anything they want to say at the time and then the Hall of Fellow's part uh with Dan and Evan and Dan said he should be able to make it as well. And then back to Weira to tell everyone to go have a Saturday. Um, oh, and Ricardo, did you send me you sent me a document?

Ricardo Prudenciatto: in that folder, but I can send it here.

G. Matthew Rice: Yeah. Oh, yeah. Yeah. No, I can download that easily. I've been typing that URL. Just this one, right?

Ricardo Prudenciatto: Yeah.

G. Matthew Rice: Okay. That fits perfectly. All right. Are there any other documents? Otherwise, I'm going to see if I can figure out how to let other people share their screen. Although that is good because then some random member can't fool around.

Max Roveri: We do not have to share the agenda.

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Max Roveri: So we should be sorted this way.

G. Matthew Rice: Mhm. Yeah. I'm just sharing my screen now in case someone sees host controls. Ah,

just turn this on. Now, is there a way to control Um, well, now that I have that setting on, um, Ricardo, do you want to see if you could share your screen?

Max Roveri: The icon chance. Yeah. The chance

G. Matthew Rice: Oh, okay, cool.

Ricardo Prudenciatto: One moment.

G. Matthew Rice: And Max, maybe you and I as people join, we could mute them just in case. Although I think my default setting is for people

Max Roveri: Yeah,

G. Matthew Rice: when they

Max Roveri: seems

G. Matthew Rice: join.

Max Roveri: s

G. Matthew Rice: Oh, and let's me point co-host. Perfect.

Ricardo Prudenciatto: I know. Yeah. Okay.

G. Matthew Rice: And if I pin you at the same time. Oh, nice. Then your video goes to the side.

Ricardo Prudenciatto: Okay. And just stop sharing here.

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Ricardo Prudenciatto: Yeah.

Werner Heuser: So, we didn't start yet. No, we didn't start yet. It's just preparing,

G. Matthew Rice: Not yet. Yeah, not yet.

Werner Heuser: right?

G. Matthew Rice: Correct. 10 10 12 minutes. We may need to meet I don't think it's meeting people on entry.

Max Roveri: For now you are the only one who come.

G. Matthew Rice: See if that's the setting.

Max Roveri: for me is great. The possibility is there but great.

G. Matthew Rice: Yeah. Well, if I do this is everybody's muted except for me, I guess. Um, Max, do you want to Well, try and unmute yourself. Can't do it right. and I but I can't do it for you. Yeah. Okay. So, let me turn this back on for now and see if there's a way to make everyone co-hosts. Let's see.

Max Roveri: No, I am not mute but I can't mute anybody else.

G. Matthew Rice: No, I just just I just I just allowed

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Max Roveri: It's okay.

G. Matthew Rice: No,

Max Roveri: Yeah.

G. Matthew Rice: I just

Max Roveri: Okay.

G. Matthew Rice: allowed the muting uh the unmuting

Max Roveri: Okay.

G. Matthew Rice: uh again. That's why you're able to do it again.

Fabian Thorns: And we have our first member. Hi Vanna.

G. Matthew Rice: Yep. Yeah, he was the one that had the uh the I don't know, clarinet music or something playing just a few minutes ago. Yeah, I don't see anywhere. Oh, maybe it's settings. No, I don't see where I can say who co-hosts are. Unless that's right back in the actual invitation.

Max Roveri: Did you get it? M.

G. Matthew Rice: Yeah, I saw that. Yeah. Okay. Well, we just have to trust our members to behave.

Max Roveri: to play nice music.

G. Matthew Rice: Yeah. Um. Oh.

Max Roveri: No worries. There is nothing interesting there. No worries. and Matt probably it's just try to be safe that Ricardo and Wira and Mog you can unmute all of them the three of them because you did it

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G. Matthew Rice: No,

Max Roveri: to

G. Matthew Rice: I

Max Roveri: me and

G. Matthew Rice: I

Max Roveri: it's

G. Matthew Rice: can't. No, someone can't unmute another person's microphone.

Max Roveri: okay

G. Matthew Rice: They they'll have

Max Roveri: Okay.

G. Matthew Rice: to do it themselves. The only thing I can do is mute and mute other people, but I can't unmute

Max Roveri: Okay,

G. Matthew Rice: them.

Max Roveri: because we have a message from Ricardo. I can't unmute.

G. Matthew Rice: That was while I turned off the ability.

Max Roveri: Okay, it

Ricardo Prudenciano: that

Max Roveri: was

Ricardo Prudenciano: I

Max Roveri: before.

Ricardo Prudenciano: was playing.

Max Roveri: Okay,

Ricardo Prudenciano: Yeah.

Max Roveri: great.

G. Matthew Rice: Yeah.

Max Roveri: Good

G. Matthew Rice: So, yeah. So, you should be a you were you were able to share and unmute, right? That's what we saw. Okay. What are these buttons? All right. Well, I think we're all set. All right.

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G. Matthew Rice: So, yeah. So, it's uh Max, John, me, we are in Ricardo that'll be speaking and well and then members if they want to suggest stuff during that section. All right. Is everybody in Germany on holiday now? Fabian.

Fabian Thorns: No, I don't think everybody. It's more like we're a little ahead of like school holidays. So, um

G. Matthew Rice: Ah.

Fabian Thorns: that's still cheap and not overly crowded here. Um and it's last year before Larry goes to school. So, we would like to leverage not being like tied on um first days.

G. Matthew Rice: Definitely.

Fabian Thorns: Yeah.

G. Matthew Rice: Oh, let me just uh check if I got any message from T It's all looking good, I guess. And I take it we'll start right at 9ine or wait two minutes or so for stragglers. Let me see if I can Ah, okay. Oh, I've got a mute all button. So, if I if I have to, I'm going to use that shotgun and mute everybody.

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G. Matthew Rice: So, just be prepared to unmute if you're if you're speaking. But so far, I mean, historically, everyone's behaved Oh, this might be the Oh, here. Actually, we're I just added you as co-host. Let me do that for John and Ricardo. So now with that set, I should be able to disallow turning off their microphone. Could you guys try and unmute now that your co-hosts?

Ricardo Prudenciano: Yeah, I can. I can.

G. Matthew Rice: Okay. And

Max Roveri: Yes.

G. Matthew Rice: you can share your screen still.

Max Roveri: The icon is there.

G. Matthew Rice: Okay. Well, I'll leave it I'll leave that so that people can turn on their mics for now until the meeting starts. Hey, Thiago. Welcome

Tiago Felipe Gonçalves: Hello, welcome. Good afternoon.

G. Matthew Rice: everyone

Jon "maddog" Hall: I

G. Matthew Rice: that

Jon "maddog" Hall: am

G. Matthew Rice: shows

Jon "maddog" Hall: running

G. Matthew Rice: up before

Jon "maddog" Hall: for a

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G. Matthew Rice: 9.

Jon "maddog" Hall: quick bio

G. Matthew Rice: Oh,

Jon "maddog" Hall: break. I'm running

G. Matthew Rice: yeah.

Jon "maddog" Hall: for a quick break.

G. Matthew Rice: Ah, okay. Three minutes. But yeah, so everyone that shows up before 9ine gets to grab the mic. I'll make I'll make Dan and Evan co-host when I get a chance to. Yeah. And regarding the choice of Saturdays, we we figured it had the best chance to have the most people available to join rather than do it during the business workday. Plus, this time allows it's not too late all the way over in Japan and it's not too early in Peru.

ted m: Hey, good morning

G. Matthew Rice: Hey.

ted m: everyone.

G. Matthew Rice: Hey, Ted.

Max Roveri: Okay,

G. Matthew Rice: Welcome. and um and John um I'll send the voting results to that matter most chat that I just typed into.

Max Roveri: Hi Ver, welcome.

Werner Fischer: Hi.

G. Matthew Rice: Uh, Max, that comment you sent about something about the public AGM link, is that okay now that you're co-host?

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Max Roveri: Yeah.

G. Matthew Rice: Okay. Oh, here we're thanks for joining. Are you excited to see the results of the election?

Werner Fischer: And I'm looking forward.

G. Matthew Rice: Well, you know, there's a saying, no good deed goes unpunished. So, you might win.

Werner Fischer: Let's see.

Kevin Glendenning: Matt, you're going to start recording when we begin, right?

G. Matthew Rice: I will, in fact, I'm going to turn off the ability for everyone except for co-hosts to turn on their mics right now. And then I will also uh look for that manage recording button. And so the recording is starting now. And there we go. So Max, I guess take it away. Unless you want to give everyone a minute to continue joining. Yeah. And you're a co-host, so you'll be able to unmute later as well. And for everyone

Max Roveri: Okay.

G. Matthew Rice: else, there's chat.

Max Roveri: Yeah. So everybody uh thank you for joining us uh at the Linux Professional Institute 2025 AGM.

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Max Roveri: I am Masimariano Max Rover. I'm community manager at LPI and it is with great pleasure that I'm going to introduce you to John Maddog Hall. I think in this kind of room there is no need for doing that but the pleasure is still there. So John Mado Hall is the board chair emeritus of the Ninox Professional Institute since last year and since 1969 John Mado Hall has been programmer, system designer, administrator, product manager, technical marketing manager and much more. He is not a

founding member of RPI but he had formulated some of the concepts and donated personal money to allow the first 200 tests be tested for psycho psychometrics. Madog has concentrated on Unix systems since 1980 and Linux system since 94 when he met for the first time Linu and recognized the the importance of Linux and free and open source software. As the executive director of Lenox International, Mando has traveled the world speaking on the benefits of open source software having received his BS in commerce and engineering from Drexler University and B MSCS from RPI in Troy, New York.

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Max Roveri: Madog, please over to you. Thanks.

Jon "maddog" Hall: Oh, thank you very much, Max. That was probably about 20 minutes too long, but thank you very much. Anyway, so I am the returning officer for this year, and as a returning officer, I'm going to first remind all the members that they have until 9:30 to finish their voting if they have not done that already. Um, as returning officer, I'm responsible for making sure that the elections are run fairly. Uh, as you know, the board consists of 10 current board members with a maximum of 13 which are allowed in total. Uh, ideally serving up to two consecutive terms of three years each and these terms are staggered to maintain continuity of the board. Most of the board is selected by a slate of candidates which have been vetted by a committee of executives who are approved by the existing board. This uh committee of executives is called the nominating committee or noncom. This year the noncom consisted of Brian J. Smith who is the noncom chair.

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Jon "maddog" Hall: Brian was also a board member at one time and is active with LPI in many ways. Howard Dean, who has been on the non-com since his beginning, Jeffrey Butler, uh, Juan uh, Fernando, Shannon Ryan, and Arthur Tide. This year, two board seats were up for election from the non-com side, the non-com slate, and we have five candidates who were nominated to the slate through the non-com process. And these two candidates will be elected to a three-year term. The other three positions on the board of directors are selected from the membership. They are vetted by five other members to get onto the slate and then are elected by the membership in total. Uh four candidates to the membership slate uh have been nominated and three will be elected. Uh one of these will serve a three-year term. One will serve a two-year term and one will serve a single year term, but all of them will be able to run again for another three-year period. The term that they run this year will be determined by the voting.

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Jon "maddog" Hall: So, the person who receives the most votes will receive will receive the three-year term, second most the two-year term, and the lowest number will be the single year term. And once again, I will remind you that the voting stops exactly at 9:30 EDT, which is about 25 minutes from now. So, Max, take it back. Take I give it to you back. So, thank you very much.

Max Roveri: Thank you. Thank you Maddock for uh clarifying about the structure of the election and the separate slates. And uh now we go to the next stage of of our LBIGM. Uh let me now introduce uh URA

Ribero. uh Hira is at the moment on the Linux professional institute board uh chair. Uh a bit of uh history about as well has been a Linux certification author for over 20 years and he has published more than 20 books uh related in Portuguese, English, Spanish and Italian too. a longtime partner of LPI. He holds over 20 different IT certifications including all the major Linux certifications uh for KNIA Linux plus and Linux Foundation as well for two decades.

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Max Roveri: He has been teaching Linux online two students worldwide with us served on the FBI board of directors since 2021 and has been chair of the board for nearly a year. He is an FBI training partner, a publishing partner, and a contributing author of the learning materials for security essentials and the new LPI DevOps certification. Over to you. Thank you.

Board Chair: Thank you, Max. Good morning, good afternoon, and good evening to all of you tuning from the very corner of the world whenever you join us from the office or living room or maybe sneaking in a quick hello while taking a break from keep an eye on the kids this Saturday. Welcome. A huge shout out to the members, partners, staff, and every single attendee who covered our time to be here today. Seriously, well done. Showing up for a governance meeting on a weekend, that's a dedication. But now, what's today all about? It's our annual general meeting, the AGM. That's a special moment in our calendar where we hit pause on day to day to reflect how far we come share keys updates celebrates milestones and the most importantly give you your members a voice in steering the future of LPI.

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Board Chair: We literally couldn't do that without you. So thanks. And before we dive in, uh, let's talk about Quorum, the magic number to officially get things rolling. We need at least 10% of or about 400 uh, members. So yeah, do the math and uh, stick around. I think we already have 26% and that's a good thing. And hey, if you haven't cast your vote yet to the board election, there is still time, but not so much. We have around 20 minutes. Please make sure you vote before 9:30 a.m. Eastern time. And besides the board election, we have got two resolutions to vote on. So hurry up. And finally, let me pause for a well-deserved round of applause for the folks who made this event happen behind the scenes. First, our executive director, Matthew Rice, and our incredible technical team. And also I would like to give the big thanks to the Brian Smith and all the volunteer members of the nomination committee because let's be honest without them I probably would be even on this stage right now.

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Board Chair: And a special thanks to the Max Beri to bring uh not just his skills but also his Italian flare and express of your energy to this AGM. To Max and thanks again to the each and everyone of you for showing up and being part of this LPI story. So let's get started. And the next uh let's talk through a quick procedural overview so everyone knows what's coming up for how today's session will flow for all voting members. We'll be using the election buddy for all the formal votes today. If you are eligible, you should have already received your voting link by mail yesterday, I think. And for the 2025 2026 term, we will

continue to using our trust auditor quar and company by the resolution 2025-0621-03 to audit the process. But in the name of good governance practice and a healthy process rotation, we decide that the next year will be switch to a different auditor company. So uh now I would like to give the word to the max to present uh Ricardo and after that Matt reports.

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Board Chair: So please

Max Roveri: Thank you. It is actually a few words from uh from Matt coming coming fast but it's absolutely

G. Matthew Rice: No, it's

Max Roveri: fine.

G. Matthew Rice: okay. That's

Max Roveri: Yeah,

G. Matthew Rice: fine.

Max Roveri: no problem. So Matt uh Matthew G is the executive director of

G. Matthew Rice: Oh, no. Max.

Max Roveri: uh

G. Matthew Rice: Max, it's

Max Roveri: I

G. Matthew Rice: okay.

Max Roveri: will

G. Matthew Rice: Let

Max Roveri: go with Ricardo.

G. Matthew Rice: Yeah, go with regard. Yeah.

Max Roveri: Okay, no problem. Okay. So, Ricardo, uh, what I'm sure about him is the Italian origins that we share. Uh, Ricardo Predenciato graduated in IT and postgraduated in computer networks. Ricardo's career has always been totally focused on Linux and open source technologies mainly working with supported and administration of system and their services. and 20 years of experience. He has worked in most of the levels that a Linux professional will go through his career from intern to senior leading and coordinating teams.

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Max Roveri: He also had the opportunity to work in different types of companies from small to large organizations such as IBM, Portugal, Telecom and Vivo in Brazil. In the last five years, his focus has been on teaching and mentoring professional in their journey with Linux and open source. This through uh especially the API certifications. He has published courses introduction to new Linux share script programming and preparation for our LP1 LP2 certifications. Over to you Ricardo. Thank you.

Ricardo Prudenciato: Hello everyone. Thank you Max. Um yeah, let me present my the board t the treasure report. So yeah, I hope you can see it. Yeah.

Max Roveri: All

Ricardo Prudenciato: Yeah. So I am the board since 2022. So I am go I'm running for my second term and I am currently the board treasurer of the board who is the person responsible for follow the financial

numbers and report them to the board and make some questions to to Matt and I'm going to show you a brief report regarding 2024. Okay, just to have you informed about how we are going.

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Ricardo Prudenciano: Okay, so we are having results comparison between gross profit and expenses, the surplus results and the balance sheet. So here we can see the the results from 2024 compared with 2023. Uh we can see here that after some years of running in depth in 2024 we were able to reach have a surplus in the results. So we see we saw an increase in revenue right and revenue from LPI came from vouchers right mainly from vouchers and that's the revenue cost of revenue is regarding the cost to deliver every uh voucher like person view costs and charging costs etc and vouchers and etc. And then you have a gross profit. So we saw that have 22% of increase comparison in comparison with 2023. We also had a a very wellont controlled expenses and this resulted in a good surplus for the year. Okay. So it was a very good result in 2024 and which demonstrates uh financial health of LPI which is important again LPI is a nonprofit we but we need to keep the health on the financial to to keep it running and keep doing the things.

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Ricardo Prudenciano: So here's the comparison uh year after year since 2029. So first we see a decrease in expense. well work a good work with controlling the expense and even the even with this we had an increase in the gross profit resulting in the surplus this year the last year right we are already in June and here we can see that after four years of death uh especially because and after the the the covid and then we are back in surplus result. This was in 2024 and we are keeping this in 2025. Okay. So here we can see how health LPI is and um this is about how much cash and assets LPI has currently and with the surplus we had an increase in the assets and the cash equivalents which uh leads us to have uh a recovery in the cash. So this after some years of death losing money uh LPI is back on track and we are going in a very good way and the most important is being healthy health financially health okay so that's it that's what I want to show you uh just to give you give you an idea of how LPI is going in term of in terms of financial right and that's it.

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Ricardo Prudenciano: Thank you.

Max Roveri: Thank you, Ricardo. So, we now go to our executive director to to Matt a few words uh bio-wise about Matt as well. at is Matt Rice is the current executive director of RPI and he had the position previously in RPI of director of certification de development. He is a licensed professional engineer in Canada in the fields of geosic and software development development and he is he certified as a big one in 2002. is a graduate of the University of Toronto engineering science program and after university he dove right into software development forran cc in a solaris environment which quickly migrated to a Linux platform and other languages in 1995 is uh his first contribution to free and open source software days 1994 it wasn't called open software yet over to you. Thank you.

G. Matthew Rice: Thanks, Max. Um, you did some digging there. Um, and just for the record, current executive director sounds good, but future former executive director sounds even better. Um, but anyway, welcome everybody.

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G. Matthew Rice: Uh just so you know in the chat room uh I posted a couple links. Um the second link to the reports you'll be able to see both Ricardo's and my presentation here. And so this annual review, we do we publish one um after each year um to sort of uh keep track of what we've been doing and sometimes a hint at what we'll be doing the following years. Uh so I'm just everyone has had access to this for a couple of months now. So I'll just step through it briefly. Um so start with some greetings from Wira and myself. and then on to the actual content. So, for those that don't know, this is we're going through um this is something I learned from my spouse. A birthday isn't just a single day. It can last as long as you like. So, uh we're doing a year of celebrating to the fact that LPI is now 25 years old. So, we have a a few contests going on, um some giveaways for uh people taking exams and things like that.

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G. Matthew Rice: uh as well we have now completed the work on the essentials tracks um at least till pressure starts mounting to come up with more ideas for them. Um but uh the Linux essentials now has company with security web development and the open source essentials and the open source essentials is I guess you could call it our first non-technical um credential. uh it's you know I'd say it's accessible content for anybody that's working in the open source field um or would like to uh as well technically the web development essentials is sort of our first foray outside of the administrative topics into developer topics although anyone that's been around for a couple of decades might remember when we used to have Pearl content in some of the exams. Uh also this year we're updating the LPC 2 and the DevOps certifications. Uh what else can I tell you? Um well these are the topics that are covered over under the open source essentials exams and the languages. I guess that's important too uh that we're delivering the exams in. Um, English and Japanese are the the dominant languages.

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G. Matthew Rice: Um, Japan being one of our well being our largest market uh for certification holders. Uh, and then I'd say German is probably third place after English and Japanese. Um, as well, uh, we have a learning materials project, uh, which we continue to add learning materials for people that want to self-study or for trainers and teachers that need some supporting material. Um, there is other material published by third parties that people can access all the time as well. And the URL for this is learning.lpi.org. Uh the other thing we have been doing is we have an approved trainer program. Um so this is for members. It's a it's a member program. So there's there's no cost for members to participate. And it's for members that are trainers. Um whether they're set up a business to do that or just as a as a you know um a contractor or self-employed trainer. um or just want to be recognized as a trainer in their workplace.

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G. Matthew Rice: This is distinct from our actual partner program where we partner with training companies and universities and colleges. Um it's an individual credential. Um so I guess kind of like a Michelin star, it travels with you. Um and of course everyone knows about the membership program because this event is a members only event. These are the partner programs that we have going. Uh the academic and training partner being the two most popular ones. Uh we're always looking for more community partners. That's, you know, other um open- source focused um or employment focused uh organizations that think their members would benefit from more exposure to open source. And of course, we also have some volunteer programs. Um, probably our most popular one would be well the translators and the the authors, the one we call share your voice. So, if there's any members here that have anything they'd like to, you know, say and need a platform, you know, whether it's technical or opinion hopefully related to open source, um, you're welcome.

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G. Matthew Rice: We have uh we have some editors that can help uh clean up anything you write uh or just provide some guidance and we'd happy to be happy to to help um publish what your thoughts are. Um and actually this is going well just finished I guess. Um, we've been participating at a number of events, but probably the the biggest one lately has been our work with the United Nations. They have a hackathon going on this week and they've been leaning heavily on us to uh help introduce them to uh industry and educational institutes that um would be interested in in what the UN is doing around open source and and a main focus of that is I guess some people call them OSPOS or OSBOs's open source program offices. um they're being they've become a big proponent for organizations globally to formalize um their internal support and procedures and use of open source. Um so you probably be hearing more about that um because uh they'll be continuing to do that at events and online.

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G. Matthew Rice: Uh, and then there's some social media and marketing statistics here for you. Um, I'll I won't read through them, but I encourage people to look at them. Uh, we've gained quite a reach over the years as we've polished our presence uh online. Um, some platforms more popular than others. And as well um we don't just certify users of open source but we we also use it internally um anytime we can. Um I guess this platform that we're having the meeting is one of the big exceptions. Uh we do have other ones set up including uh nextcloud's internal one. Um but uh online meeting platforms are difficult to develop and and use. Um so it seems that Google Meet right now is the one that gets the least amount of hate from the fewest people. Um but we'll continue to try other ones as they release new updates. Um someday we'll we'll find the one that works for us. And as well, we also uh do a shout out to our current board members.

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G. Matthew Rice: Um some of them might be leaving after this election. And if so, uh thank you in advance for everything you've done to help uh govern LPI and keep us on track. I personally appreciate it as I know to everybody uh that's involved in LPI. And some of the board members are here today as well. And lastly, um the Hall of Fellows. Um there'll be more on that uh later, but the Hall of Fellows is something that we set up to recognize people that not only have made a large contribution to helping Linux Professional Institute succeed, but open source in general around the world. Um we just started this last year with the induction of John or Mad Dog as everyone knows him. Uh and it's something that we'll continue um to do over the years um with the inductions happening here at the AGMs. Um and on that note um one of the focuses we have um you know over the next year is to work on more community development and outreach.

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G. Matthew Rice: Um so that'll include very likely um forming a committee to help steer and formalize how we induct uh members into the Hall of Fellows. Uh we started with the ones that we have including the ones this year uh because they were kind of obvious um for us but going forward we're going to be looking for input from other people to do um to choose and and suggest uh who should be in the hall of fellows. uh and another committee. Uh for those of you here that are approved trainers, um we were thinking it would it's possibly time to get the fellow approved trainers involved in the process of onboarding and accepting additional approved trainers. Um but more on that later. And that is it. The the last slide, as you can see, is a is a history that we continue to add on to of major accomplishments and milestones at LPI. Um, it's interesting to read through um every once in a while to remember how far we've come.

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G. Matthew Rice: That's been well 25 years and and going now. And with that, I will end my portion of this and I think

Max Roveri: Thank

G. Matthew Rice: pass it back to Weira.

Max Roveri: Thank you. Thank you, Matt. You are perfect time wise because it's 9:30. So, elections are finished. So now between URA and Mardog we we will start to understand what happened as the voting for the directors just closed. Mog please.

Jon "maddog" Hall: Well, I am actually waiting for the results from Matt who is running the election mechanism and uh just it's it's automated so it should only take a few seconds to get the results back.

G. Matthew Rice: Yeah, I'm downloading them now. Um

Jon "maddog" Hall: We're using a mechanism called election buddy. And what that does is give a weighted vote to the various candidates according to how many people voted for them. And so it will end up with having the person with the most votes and then the second most votes and so forth.

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Jon "maddog" Hall: Um, so to to to get the uh the best election results in

G. Matthew Rice: Okay. So, Election Buddy actually gives us a link to the election results. I'll download something more formal in a second. Um, but that link should give everyone here a view. Yeah, there we go.

Max Roveri: Yes.

G. Matthew Rice: All right. So, while you guys work through that, I'll figure out how to download a PDF of the results.

Jon "maddog" Hall: So I see that on the non-com slate uh two people were elected. Uh one was Ricardo uh Presentto and the other is Henrietta. Oh boy. Dumbbas Dumbbas Gaya. I'm sorry if I butchered your your name, but uh those two people were elected to the non-comm side of the slate. And then for the member nominated slate is uh see um Verer Fischer, Simone Bertuli, and Thiago Gonlaves were all elected. did. And is that correct, Matt?

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Jon "maddog" Hall: Did I read all that properly? Besides butchering people's names, which I'm very sorry for

G. Matthew Rice: Oh, sorry. I was just finishing downloading, but yeah, I heard Wer Simony and

Jon "maddog" Hall: and Thiago, that was the member nominated slate.

G. Matthew Rice: Yes.

Jon "maddog" Hall: Now, we're going we're going to have to do some more um working on this because in the member nominated slate, uh the person who got the most votes will be serving for three years. The person who got the second most votes will be serving for two years, and the person who received the least number of votes and still got elected will be serving for one year. However, at the end of their terms, they will be eligible for being reelected to a full three-year term. So, you're not just being you're not just getting one year and that's it. You'll be uh able to run again for a three-year term. Okay. Did I did I get everything right there? Matt, you're checking me out here.

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Jon "maddog" Hall: Ricardo and Henrietta were nominated were elected through the non-comlate.

G. Matthew Rice: Um, no. I'm seeing Herald. Sorry. Herald and Ricardo. Is that what you said?

Jon "maddog" Hall: No, no. Ricardo and Henrietta.

G. Matthew Rice: Ah, okay.

Jon "maddog" Hall: So, Herado was eliminated after round one.

G. Matthew Rice: Uh, sorry.

Jon "maddog" Hall: Aldo.

G. Matthew Rice: Yeah. Yeah, you're right.

Jon "maddog" Hall: So round two, Ricardo was elected.

G. Matthew Rice: Yeah.

Jon "maddog" Hall: Then round three, Emanuel was eliminated, but round four, Henrietta was elected.

G. Matthew Rice: Yep. You're right.

Jon "maddog" Hall: Okay. And then in the member nominated slate, the three people that were elected were Verner, Simone, and Thiago.

G. Matthew Rice: Yeah.

Jon "maddog" Hall: Okay.

G. Matthew Rice: Yeah. And it looks like it was a tie for first between Antiago.

Jon "maddog" Hall: Okay. They will have to they'll have to flip a coin as to who gets the three years and and the two years, but that will be determined in a meeting held by or called by the board chair and in July for the transition.

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Jon "maddog" Hall: So for the meantime, the board members who are on the board currently are still board members and then in July there'll be an official transition from the current board to the board to using the board elect. Okay.

Max Roveri: Thank you, Madak and

G. Matthew Rice: Oh, one one last note though as well. The two resolutions were approved with the 97%

Jon "maddog" Hall: Okay.

G. Matthew Rice: vote. All right.

Max Roveri: thank you Matt. Thank you Mad Dog again and Oira over to you for uh finalizing and making official the results. Thanks.

Board Chair: Okay. So, thank you to everyone who took a moment out of the day whenever between meetings, schools, and coffee refills to vote and be part of this democratic process. Every single candidate who brought their passion, their commitment, and probably an increase in their coffee consumption to this election, thank you. And each of one of them received incredible support for this amazing community. And of course uh to the outgoing board members, thank you so much for your dedication, your countless hours and for making the LPI stronger.

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Board Chair: Your impact will stay with us for years to come whenever you like or not. And to our incoming board members, welcome aboard. Get ready for an exciting journey ahead packet with calls and occasionally philosophical debate about open source. We're thrilled to have your experience, your energy, and your willingness to read along the governance documents shaping the next chapter of the LPI. And taking thank you again to all candidates and voters. You are the heart of this organization. And now I would like to moving into the part of the AGM where the things get a little more interactive. So it's time to the open floor session. This is your chance, your moment to bring forward comments, questions, and proposals or even uh the motion that you've been drafting for in your head since the meeting start. This part of AGM will be moderated by myself and Matt because let's face it, someone has to make sure things stay on topic. Um, if you have a motion or proposal, a proposal, feel free to present it now and the brand new motions that pop up in real time will be pass on the board.

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Board Chair: Uh even if the pool here says no. So the floors is yours.

Max Roveri: Thank you. Thank you. And as just said by he will mic this along uh along much uh while let's say the audience is going to warm up a bit if they have ideas or anything to share. Uh we uh we just uh give everybody a quick reminder. Uh Mandok mentioned a few minutes ago that the first meeting the induction and and meeting is going to be in July and it will be mandatorily within 30 days from from today. Other than that again this is the moment where our members and our external family can share thoughts and uh and and suggestions while while we are preparing another moment that is going to be to be interesting for the community with the hall of fame of FBI coming next. Thank you Matt. I don't know if you want to add anything or yourself

G. Matthew Rice: Well, for me the only thing I'll add is of course I mean this is even if all the other systems fail like emailing info@lpi.org or community or uh membership or any of those other help desk cues or joining mattermost.

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G. Matthew Rice: Um this is the you know the one place that you can guarantee that you'll have direct access to the

Board Chair: Goodbye.

G. Matthew Rice: board uh and internal folk um to you know make sure that you know any idea or suggestion you had is definitely heard. So, um, those other systems do work. Um, so if you, you know, at the end of the meeting go, "Oh, I should have said that." Um, you still get a chance. You don't have to wait another year.

Board Chair: So anyone would like to give your contribution just raise the hand and I think Matt will

G. Matthew Rice: All

Board Chair: be free the microphone for you.

G. Matthew Rice: right. All right.

Max Roveri: Have a

G. Matthew Rice: Say I'm Yeah, let me find you in here.

Board Chair: We have Claus and Samuel.

G. Matthew Rice: So Claus, you can unmute now. Um

Klaus Knopper: Yeah. Hello. I already proposed that to uh internal for the board. Um I would feel better if we would also use open-source software for our conferences and meetings and uh I don't know why why we made the compromise with Google Meet right now.

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Klaus Knopper: Um I think the same thing could have been done with uh an instant of big blue button. I don't see the necessity to use proprietary software.

G. Matthew Rice: Um, I can talk to that a little bit. Historically, what we had been using was something called Hopin, um, which was a managed, uh, platform. I forget what it's based on or it is hop in and we were using a third party that helped us with the system um just because we' constantly had issues um with these systems and we wanted to make sure that no member was unable to to join. Um the reason we

switched this year to Google Meet was more happen stance. Um we use Google Suite for a number of things and they recently changed their uh package I guess you'd call it that we subscribe to so that it includes the ability to host a meeting with 500 users and that coupled with the the ongoing even internally um I wouldn't call it a battle frustrations that even we have um using any of these platforms.

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G. Matthew Rice: We've used Zoom, we use Jets, we use Big Blue Button, uh Nextcloud. Um honestly, Google Meet is Google Meet and Zoom are the two platforms that have the fewest issues for people. And the weird thing is it seems the more technical the person, the more they have problems with the open source solutions. Um,

Kevin Glendenning: I can add a little bit to that too, Matt. Um,

G. Matthew Rice: yeah, sure.

Kevin Glendenning: yeah, so we use Nexcloud hub internally. Um, and if you've used it before, especially the meat function of it, you know, it's actually pretty good. Uh, we use it for a lot of internal meetings. Um, there's a technical issue with it right now, which is unfortunately beyond our control. It's with the ISP. In fact, um there's some routing issue somewhere. So, people from Brazil and Germany in particular have trouble on the next cloud calls. So, we're working with the ISP to get that resolved. And once that's resolved, um I imagine we'd use that for all meetings going forward, especially the AGM instead of Google Meet.

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Kevin Glendenning: Um I've been in favor of getting away from Google for a long time now. Um but it's with all the email accounts and um drive storage and everything we have on there, it's taking some time. Uh internally, people are are moving slowly over to NextCloud um using the NextCloud collaboration for document sharing instead of Google, but it's a process. Um we're getting there and we will get there eventually. Email is going to be another question of course, but we're dealing with documents and meetings first. So, so I absolutely agree with you uh that open source solutions are are definitely the preferred way to go and we'll get there pretty soon at least for for meetings and documents.

Klaus Knopper: I just want to make clear I'm I'm not against Google. It's just using about using open source software and I have first shared experience with a lot of uh conference tools. Uh actually uh we are using uh big blue button the the preview version 3.0 zero um which has much better audio codecs and uh it you can host it by yourself, you can have it hosted by a big provider.

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Klaus Knopper: So I think the the basic point is people having problems with video conferences. Uh it's mostly due to bad network or a flaky van. Um it doesn't have so much to do with the tool itself. Um at least in my experience. So you get good quality if you have good network um no matter the tool and uh you get bad quality if you have bad connections. So it's probably better to work on the connection instead of trying a proprietary tool uh to be able to say well we have to go back to proprietary in order to make it

work for us. Uh I think that's not our goal. We want to show that it's possible with open source and uh I know that it is possible because we did this uh in my university uh long time ago and uh all the problems uh can be fixed by fixing the network.

Kevin Glendenning: Oh yeah, absolutely. And in our case, like I said, this issue with the ISP is not specific even to Nexcloud. Um people in those countries are getting slow access to other services in this specific colo facility.

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Kevin Glendenning: Uh so once that's resolved, um nextcloud will work fine for us. for anyone not in those regions. Um the meetings that we host on Nextcloud Talk are seamless. The audio is great. Um Big Blue Button when we used it, we went through a couple iterations with it. The first one wasn't a good experience, but then the software evolved and it did become very reliable. So I like Big Blue Button as well. Um the reason we phased it out was simply just to reduce our tool suite. Um and you know if nextcloud we're using it for document collaboration and it has a talk functionality that works well um there was no need to have a secondary um meeting tool in the infrastructure and there were some features that we liked about next cloud talk over big blue button like persistent message chats and and stuff like that. So um so we're working on it with the ISP and it will be a stable tool for us uh in the near future.

Fabian Thorns: And plus as a note of one of those that internally are really opponent to using any of the open source ones like from my perspective it is it is mainly like whatever works for the people joining those conferences and my impression is that like all of the free ones we tried give people a really hard time joining and that includes open talks like for from my opinion is like really bad user experience anyway but I think

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Fabian Thorns: eventually this is a tool that has to work even for people that are not able to fix their their very own network issues. So if we have a broad audience um from my from my personal perspective everything that highly relies on web RTC and client side rendering doesn't work and that is a problem that all of the open source ones um share. So um what I've seen is basically all of them having latency issues having screen flaring issues having connection issues especially when working from mobile phones at least like being in the like German ISP island. So um I think from my perspective um meeting and conferencing tools is one of the very few things where like when addressing a broad audience um the the proprietary ones have a huge advantage over the open source ones and I hate to say this because this is absolutely um some something where I would hope for um for a good alternative

Board Chair: This is

Fabian Thorns: to be around but so far I haven't seen one that's comparable to especially what um what Google and what Zoom offers and that's the same experience we have as a training provider like if you use Zoom you have zero connection issues if you use big button or open talk or whatever you can be absolutely certain that you need some some support capacities when on boarding people for the first day and that's unfortunately really unfortunately a reason

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Fabian Thorns: to pick the proprietary one so so much for my

Klaus Knopper: It's

Fabian Thorns: experience

Klaus Knopper: it's

G. Matthew Rice: Now,

Fabian Thorns: That's

G. Matthew Rice: now

Klaus Knopper: it's

G. Matthew Rice: that

Klaus Knopper: interesting

G. Matthew Rice: said,

Klaus Knopper: how

G. Matthew Rice: um

Klaus Knopper: experiences differ u because I have seen zoom fail and uh I have the impression that even in the board the number of people having connection problems did not decrease when we switched to uh uh Google meet. By the way, Google Meet uses the same web RTC that uh Big Blue Button, Next Cloud, and all the others do. So, it's not a proprietary versus open source issue at that point. It's again just connectivity. Google has a big network. They have servers all over the world and uh we need that too, but with an open source cloud and not a proprietary one.

G. Matthew Rice: Well, and another word on this Claus, which is I found interesting is just as uh Faboon was saying he didn't enjoy the open talk experience, Werna Fischer has a comment and Wernner if you'd like to make a a comment.

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G. Matthew Rice: But um

Werner Fischer: Yeah, I just um wanted to mention that uh I've tested it this week with Bern. There was my first call on on open talk and it was on a desktop PC uh while I cable on network. So I didn't test it with mobile. I haven't experienced with that but I'll happy to test it in the future but have no further experience yet.

G. Matthew Rice: All right. Thanks everyone. Um, Samuel, um, I think probably a different topic. Um, feel free to unmute. You should be able to unmute yourself. Let me make sure I made you. Oh, sorry. Okay, now you should be able to unmute yourself.

Samuel Lenk: Can you hear me now?

G. Matthew Rice: Yes.

Board Chair: Yes.

Samuel Lenk: Okay, great. Um, yes. Uh, I actually have a different uh topic. I just wanted to put it as a quick question. I was thinking about putting it into the chat if there are any plans for a new version of LP one.

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Samuel Lenk: That's what I would most be interested in knowing right now.

Fabian Thorns: So I think that is something I could answer. So for this year, our main focus is updating Epic 2, which like in terms of age is probably the oldest one that we have. And then the week the not the week the year after so 2026 would be when LP one would be due for another

Samuel Lenk: Okay, thank you. Yeah,

G. Matthew Rice: Yep.

Samuel Lenk: that was it already. Thank

G. Matthew Rice: All right.

Samuel Lenk: you very much.

G. Matthew Rice: Thanks, Samuel. Um, anyone else? Raising the hand. Uh, the little hand icon seems to work well. All right.

Board Chair: I think we can close the floor.

Jon "maddog" Hall: Fabian still has his hands raised. Has his

G. Matthew Rice: Oh,

Jon "maddog" Hall: hand raised.

G. Matthew Rice: yep. They just raised them again. Yeah, I think.

Fabian Thorns: That was the accident.

Max Roveri: No problem.

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G. Matthew Rice: All right. And wer I will lower your hand for you.

Werner Fischer: Uh I just want to mention another topic, a short one um regarding the the possibilities for the LPI to grow. And I think one one idea I have and which is seems to be working very well is uh to use the essentials exam especially in schools. I think there is many countries uh for example in Austria where I'm living where there's a a big lobby from Microsoft and and other um proprietary vendors and uh leading to yeah having for example Microsoft solutions uh in the schools and I'm just now trying to plant a seed and to encourage teachers to use Linux here and I think that would be a special uh uh chance for the LPI especially this year with the end of Windows 10 uh where we can motivate uh uh pupils and students to start using Linux and maybe to then further grow at university doing LPI 1, LP2 and stuff like that. Maybe there are people from other countries where this could be done as well.

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Werner Fischer: So, I just wanted to mention it.

G. Matthew Rice: Well, and welcome to the board runner. Um, I'm sure we'll get a chance to talk about this um very soon.

Max Roveri: Thank you, Verer. Thank you, Matt. We're up. Do you want to add anything or start to

Board Chair: Uh yes, I think now it's time for the how fellows induction. Right. This is our Yes. This is our version of Lifetime Award minus the red carpet and the dramatic orchestran music, but I think it's just as much art. And of course, we couldn't let John Mad Dog sit all alone in the Hall of Fellows, could we? I mean, uh, he's a legend, but even legends need a good company. So, today we are offly giving him some

welld deserve backup. So, grab your popcorn or your coffee depending on your time zone. And without further ado, it's my great pleasure to welcome to our newest inductees. First Dan York done back in 1998 he published and open a call in a Linux gazette suggesting the creation of the communityd driving Linux certification.

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Board Chair: The idea was so good that people at startup Linux care basically said we need a guy and hire him to help make LPI happen. Since then he worn more hats than royal wedding, CICCPC, LP1, LP uh MCC, CT+ and he is a prolific author, speaker, podcaster, blogger, analyst and strategist at the internet society. He served as a chief of staff to the CIO and steering global initiatives like open internet campaigns, satellit connectivity efforts and sustainable tech projects. Um, oh, and I did mention that he's also a marathoner, curler, kayaker, and maybe still undefeated at curling the chess on ice in Verma. He's out read multiple books on IPv6 networking security basically the kind of bedtime reading that puts most of people to his sleep except them who apparently thrives on it because let's be honest whenever he's is lighting a stone or building internet standards or leading global tech conversations them doesn't just play the game. He he writes the rule book. He was one of the original founders of the LPI in 1998 and served as organ organizational first president.

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Board Chair: And if that wasn't enough history on his resume, Dan also served on the board from 2001 to 2005. So Danny York is just a Linux legend. He's the founding voice, the storyteller, and the guy who probably has more certification that he has three weekends. The next uh inductee it's even leovich.

G. Matthew Rice: Well,

Board Chair: I

G. Matthew Rice: actually,

Board Chair: hope I Yes.

G. Matthew Rice: how about shall we do one at a time? Um, you're muted, Dan. Dan might want to say a few words.

Board Chair: Oh,

G. Matthew Rice: Um,

Board Chair: then

G. Matthew Rice: and

Board Chair: please

G. Matthew Rice: also just so people can see, um, hopefully this shows up in the screen. That's the shard. I got this from the Joe versus the volcano set. Um,

Jon "maddog" Hall: And it's it's very heavy. Dan, put it don't put it up on your wall where the light hits it so it explodes.

Dan York: I will uh I'll keep that in mind.

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Dan York: Um thank you thank you all for the honor. U this is I mean it is an honor to be recognized in this way and thank you for all you do to uh to keep things going. as you mentioned, I mean, my part of the story began with that Linux gazette article back in October 1998 where I just wrote about uh at the time I was working in the training industry and Red Hat had launched its Red Hat certified engineer program and I was um I wrote this article saying hey if we if every dro does its own program then it's uh we're going to have this really fragmented space. We need a vendorneutral independent program and and Linux Care. Um, I actually wound up I was looking for something to wear when I was here or something, but I found one of the old t-shirts that uh that they used to have that was there. They were at the center of Linux was their whole thing. And they were in San Francisco and they contacted me and said, "Hey, we like the idea. We'll

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Dan York: give you some mailing lists. You know, would you like to help with that?" And so we started that. And then at the time I was living in New Hampshire and I was uh going to the Greater New Hampshire Linux user group or Gunnel which often met at uh various different bars or or things like that. And I knew Mad Dog through that. And Mad Dog had said, "Hey, you ought to talk to this guy Evan up in in Canada because he's talking about something similar with the Canadian Linux users enthusiasts." And so Evan and I started to talk and everything else. And then the pivotal thing that happened that kind of made this all work was um Calera systems which was another DRO in those days that was big. Um they were looking to do their own version of the Red Hat certified engineer kind of thing but for Calera but they contacted us and said hey we'd like to learn more about your program. So they flew Evan and I out to Utah where they were based.

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Dan York: And Evan and I went to this Linta Inn in in Oram, Utah, where we went to the one conference room with the one whiteboard and we and we sketched out what we thought the bigger picture would look like in pieces. We we didn't do it alone. We didn't just make it up out of the air. We'd been having this the steering committee. We've been having all sorts of stuff happening on the mailing list. But but we went into into uh Caldera the next day and pitched this and at the end of the conversations that that took a bit more. Um they wound up not doing their own program backing LPI giving us our first \$50,000 investment which we then leveraged to do to more activity in different ways. And uh and that was really how this all this began. You know like like you mentioned Linux Care then went on to hire me and and and uh and had me work for them for several years doing things. But uh that was really that that how it began.

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Dan York: It's amazing to see I think our first exam went live in 2020. So this would be 25 years that we've had that. It's amazing to see the growth that's there. Uh Matt asked me to say a few things about what I

do today and you you've read some of my bio there for the Internet Society. Uh the Internet Society since 2011 I've been working there. It's a global nonprofit really focused on how do we connect the unconnected. there's a third of the world that's still uh not connected and and there's even a larger amount who can't afford connectivity. So we do a lot of work in that space and we look at how do we protect the people who are connected to have online uh a safe and secure online experience. I've done everything you mentioned some of it you know from promoting IPv6 to documenting internet shutdowns to running our websites to to doing a lot of different things with uh UN events and and low earth orbit satellites like Starlink. lots of different pieces and parts.

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Dan York: The ethos of what I do at the internet society is very similar to what we're doing in Linux and open source space in the sense that it's how do we have an open globally connected secure trustworthy

Board Chair: What the

Dan York: internet

Board Chair: f***?

Dan York: for everyone accessible by everyone with permissionless innovation without global you know giant corporations controlling everything. How do we make it work in those kind of ways? So it's very much the same ethos just in a different space of looking at how do we get the internet out to everyone in some way. So again um and as you mentioned

Board Chair: Come on.

Dan York: about a month ago I became the chief of staff to our our new CEOs who started last September and helping her with uh our our work around the world. But um LPI you know is is definitely a uh an amazing part of what my life did. One of the key things I I think I took out of that was um there's power in bringing forward an an idea.

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Dan York: Whether it was me with my Linux Gazette articles, which there was a series of them, or Evan with what happened in the Canadian Linux users enthusiast, LPI came about because a group of people said, "Hey, let's go and do this." And they threw their ideas out there. And the second part is the power of building community. And that's really what is amazing to see this group here. It's been amazing to watch over the years and uh and I just want to say thank you for this award, but also thank you for all the work that you do now and and ongoing to continue to build LPI and to help it be that platform that helps us build the Linux movement. So, thank you all.

Board Chair: Dan, I think it's such an honor to meet you and have you in our hall of uh inductee. So, thank you so much.

Dan York: I will also share I did find one. I still have an LPI penguin from back in the day at one point. So, I just thought I would have uh

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Board Chair: Yeah,

Dan York: have a little

Board Chair: I

Dan York: tuck

Board Chair: have

Dan York: support.

Board Chair: mine here too.

Dan York: There you go. I also just want to say too why I did this. It's an honor to to be joining Mad Dog because he was such a vital role in connecting us and in also helping get LPI off the ground and and leading it in so many different ways in so many for forms. So, thank you to Mad Dog as well.

Max Roveri: Thank you, D.

Board Chair: Now I would like to introduce even Lovich. uh even was out there streaming the things up at the Linux user group in Canada pushing the idea of the vendor neutral certification. Now a fun fact where were the LPI's first ever corporate address evens house. Yeah, that's right. LPI was basically uh a startup in Evans's living room long before it was cool or had fancy certificate cards. Together with the New York and an amazing team even helped design the original threelevel LPI certification program including those famous core philosophies that we all know today.

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Board Chair: If there were a Linux Hall of Fame trading car set, even will be that rare holographic limited edition you never trade. First, let's run through his academic tour of dirty an undergraduate degree in philosophy because why not start with the big questions like what's life? a graduate degree in journalism to make sure that he could write about those big questions with perfect grammar and then he did an MBA in marketing to convince the rest of us to those big question matter. Now not stopping there most recently even went to the program in opensource business models at uh Berdau University. I hope I speak correctly. And just for fun, he decided to complete the copyright X course at Harvard Law School. Even helped to start the Toronto Linux user group, the Canadian Linux User Exchange and the Canadian chapter of the Internet Society and even worked with the StarX, the LPI longtime L IT service provider. Uh, hey even uh I think we need you here in Brazil. It's too quiet without you. And for fun uh because he clearly need more hobbies.

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Board Chair: He wrote over a 100 columns for ZDNet. Worked for the United Nations Refugee Agency. Helped huge refugee to internet access and online jobs. collaborate with the word bank and serve it on the Canadian delegation to the ISO to promote open file format. So even from your living room in Bmpton to the LPI Hall of Fellows, it's official. You've done more before breakfast than most of us in a month. So please uh you now have the microphone.

Evan Leibovitch: Thanks a lot. Uh that's an intro that I couldn't buy. So, thank you so much for that. And thank you to you and to Matt and to the LPI board for inviting me here and doing this. Uh it's fantastic seeing everyone again. And uh it's it's it's a delight to see that things are still um not only going but uh but

but getting bigger. You know, looking at that uh the treasurer statement to see that things are are growing again. It's absolutely fantastic. Uh I want to expand a little on what Dan said about you know to me the heart of LPI has always been its community and out of all the milestones that come to my mind was an event in 2003 in Geneva the world summit on the information society we weren't that old an organization but there we were pulling together more than 25 people from more than a dozen countries speaking all of the UN official languages getting

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Evan Leibovitch: together in Geneva at this UN conference to promote open-source. It was there that I saw the the depth and the character of our community that would make LPI something really unique. Uh while Richard Stalman was at the event running around making enemies, we were there making friends. How did we make friends? We brought a bar fridge to the floor of the conference center where we were open for many hours after the delegates were officially finished. They would come to us. We gave out thousands and thousands of Linux CDs. Remember CDs? This was 2003. We still had to educate people what open- source was. We did exam labs. We gave tutorials. And it was at that meeting, at that event where I saw all these people working together that I saw the community had was really truly something. Um, and so it's it's a delight to be a part of this. I mean, I guess uh a lot of my career has been, I think, about helping people get jobs uh even beyond what uh with with LPI.

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Evan Leibovitch: I mean, to me, the objective of LPI is to help people get jobs. jobs they like, jobs they're good at. Certification is a path to helping people get that kind of employment in open source and it does it in a way that also helps generate enough revenue to sustain itself. So it it works fantastically. Uh but you know working through the UN refugee agency to help people get remote work out of refugee camps in some of the worst circumstances. Uh and now one of my current projects is called the Agra Discovery Foundation where I'm helping a group that uh defines and helps fundra for projects in the Caribbean that provide uh opportunities for female farmers and for young farmers on agricultural projects. That is extremely satisfying. Um, and you know, and as of the as of the present day, I'm also involved with something called the Maple Institute, M A PLE. So, it's a Canadian organization that advocates for the use of opensource AI in Canada. Um, you know, we're going to have some of the same battles going forward in AI that we did with operating systems at the turn of the century.

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Evan Leibovitch: you know, advocating uh open open LLMs that people can get at and use locally and fine-tune to their local needs. Uh to me, that's going to be an advocacy task as tough as we had with Linux and open-source at the very at the beginning of the 2000s. So, that's another challenge that I'm getting involved in. And um I mean, down the road, LPI, I think, has a role to play in that, too. But that's we'll we'll see how that goes. In the meantime, it's it's it's all been a blast. Uh LPI's given me an opportunity to do a number of things uh and help people around the world. The satisfaction of of seeing people come up to

you that you know they got a job because your certification helped them get that final step in in getting employed. It there there's there is nothing like it. I thank LPI for the opportunity. I'm delighted to see how well you're going forward and uh congratulations to all of you on the job you're doing.

Board Chair: D then and even so thank you uh so much and I say welcome or I should say welcome back because let's be honest you've both been part of the LPI legend long before there was even a hall to put fellows in. So, thank you for everything you've done.

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Board Chair: Congratulations on officially joining the LPI Hall of Fellows. Your plea will be personally delivered by Matt himself because when the executive director shows up as your personal delivery guy, you know it's a big deal.

Dan York: If I may, I would just like to say uh obviously thank you to Evan as well, but I wanted to note Evan, I never knew that story because by 2003 I wasn't actually involved with LPI anymore. But I just wanted to put an interesting note. I'm actually going to be in Geneva in two weeks at the 20y year review of the original whises that

Evan Leibovitch: Who is

Dan York: event

Evan Leibovitch: this?

Dan York: that

Evan Leibovitch: Yeah,

Dan York: happened and and so um it's very interesting. I will we'll have to connect. I want to know a little bit more but thank you again for that story as well.

Evan Leibovitch: I've actually been involved with some of the Canadian delegation to the Whis's Plus 20. So, yeah, we can follow up on that. Um, I haven't even talked about stuff I've done at I can and elsewhere, which isn't really relevant to any of this, but uh, yeah, it's been a blast and I've even touched on working with ISOC together with the people, especially through the founding of the Canadian chapter, but it's it's all been a blast.

Dan York: Yeah, there was a funny moment when I started working with the Internet Society and I was doing some stuff and and all of a sudden I'm looking at one of the mailing list and and Evan shows up on there. I was like, "Wait a minute." Anyway, I'll thank you very much again for this award.

Max Roveri: Thank you, Dan. Thank you, Evan.

Board Chair: All right, we are here. You are the final stretch of our AGM marathon. First off, a huge huge thank you to all of you who show up today. To our newly elected directors, congrats again. You should expect an email soon and wait for it. A board meeting calendar because nothing says welcome to the governance like trying to schedule across six time zones. And also keep an eye out for a welcome kit. And let's be real, probably one or two bad jokes for me along the way.

Ricardo Prudenciatto: The car working in second.

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G. Matthew Rice: That was strange.

Max Roveri: Hello. Yeah.

G. Matthew Rice: Everyone got kicked out. Could we hit a two hour thing or something? Too many.

Klaus Knopper: It wasn't me.

Klaus Knopper: Proprietary software. Proprietary.

G. Matthew Rice: Yeah. That's No, reset it. I think maybe it thought that because we've been using this link with a lot of calendar invites. I think we might have confused Google Meet. but I will officially end the recording. That was odd timing. cuz I was waiting to hit stop recording. I hadn't even done that.

Max Roveri: Okay. Okay.

G. Matthew Rice: All right. So, now the recording is complete. That's okay. It's Saturday. At least, it's kind of like don't do upgrades on Fridays, right? and Wernner, congratulations on joining the board. here. Let me make you a co-host. Try not to let them delegate everything to you. There you go. You can unmute now.

G. Matthew Rice: Hey, Ricardo. We're not sure what caused that to I don't know...

Ricardo Prudenciato: Come on.

G. Matthew Rice: what but at least it was good timing. At least the meeting was officially adjourned. no it's open to everyone.

Ricardo Prudenciato: Yeah. Yeah,...

Max Roveri: But do you see something like other people wants to join somewhere?

G. Matthew Rice: Anyone can rejoin.

Max Roveri: Okay. I don't know...

G. Matthew Rice: Let me wait.

Max Roveri: why it's

Uirá Ribeiro: Hello again. No.

G. Matthew Rice: So, no one accidentally clicked end meeting or anything, right? That's weird. Yeah, maybe we hit a time limit. maybe.

Ricardo Prudenciato: maybe someone that was a host had stopped the meeting here. someone that wants to drop and...

G. Matthew Rice: But it just Yeah.

Ricardo Prudenciato: instead of dropping just kick out the host at the meeting has anyone hosted I don't know everyone Yeah,

G. Matthew Rice: Yeah. I mean, it was 2 hours or so since the room opened, so maybe there's a 2 hour limit. I'll Google that.

Uirá Ribeiro: All right.

Max Roveri: and maybe having the same link for multiple whatever. Anyway,

G. Matthew Rice: Up to 60 minutes, but we definitely went over 60. Yeah. Yeah, that could have done it too. Burner, you're added as a co-host if you want to unmute.

Uirá Ribeiro: Okay. That's for

G. Matthew Rice: Did I remove you? No, no, you're added now. Yeah. ...

G. Matthew Rice: a puzzle for Yeah.

Klaus Knopper: Maybe it's this Gemini thing that was listening and...

Klaus Knopper: it hear the word a drawn and so it just cut off everyone's connections.

G. Matthew Rice: Right. Yeah.

Ricardo Prudenciato: Hey,...

Ricardo Prudenciato: Gemini. It's not About the company.

G. Matthew Rice: Don't say bad things about know if it's usually a Let me see if I can find a There it is. I don't know if anyone's ever heard of this conjecture. I'll put it in the chat. Roo's Batalisk. it's got an interesting internet history. there's some,...

Ricardo Prudenciato: and say Yes. Yeah.

G. Matthew Rice: forum site where it freaked everybody out, but basically it's saying that eventually a super intelligent AI will emerge and...

Max Roveri: I always do that.

G. Matthew Rice: it'll figure out time travel and it will come back and punish everybody that tried to impede its emergence. So, don't say anything bad about them. Yeah. Yeah. that's the funny thing. I think it might have been Sam Alman, but I think it was someone definitely from OpenAI that said stop saying

please and being polite to it. It's actually got a noticeable impact on the amount of computing time it needs just by doing that.

G. Matthew Rice: But yeah, there it is. but I still say please. I never kick a computer.

Max Roveri: Yeah, Matt,...

G. Matthew Rice: No. But yeah,...

Max Roveri: Did you already get some notifications about the recording and the notes?

G. Matthew Rice: let's see. it doesn't take too long. yeah,...

Max Roveri: But again, it was a longer than the usual ones, but not yet.

G. Matthew Rice: no, no, nothing yet.

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Max Roveri: But okay.

G. Matthew Rice: Yeah. let me check spam. Although I'm sure Google never sends Google mail to spam, right? Yeah. Yeah. Doesn't But as soon as I see it,...

G. Matthew Rice: I'll send it up. Yeah. Yeah.

Max Roveri: Okay. Yeah.

G. Matthew Rice: Rook's basil list. Is that new to everybody? Maybe I'm on Reddit too much or something. I deleted all my Reddit apps. I'm staying away from there. Although it is a great platform for any hobby or interest you have. It's like using it in the old days. There's a group out there for you.

Max Roveri: Yeah. It's Yeah.

G. Matthew Rice: Yeah. Yeah.

Max Roveri: it's a sort of coming back of trans and trends because again it existed before that it was more difficult to connect but got on the back. Yeah.

G. Matthew Rice: But now it's a 70% plus chance that you're talking to a bot. I watch posts and when someone posts I look to see if they ever comment on anybody's comments in the post and if they don't I'm like it's a bot. it's just too obvious because people are asking the poster questions and there's nothing. So, they're for some reason interested in what they call karma, the up votes and...

Uirá Ribeiro:

G. Matthew Rice: everything. Hold on a second. Ill there you go. Evan, you're a co-host now.

Evan Leibovitch: Watch out giving people host. They may end the call for everybody accidentally.

G. Matthew Rice: Right. are you admitting to something now?

Evan Leibovitch: No. Yeah,...

G. Matthew Rice: I think we hit the twoour mark.

G. Matthew Rice: I think I'm going to look into it, but I think that was about 2 hours and just coincidental that it was the end of the meeting, but I'll ask Yeah.

Evan Leibovitch: it was in the middle of the closing remarks. So, I mean it didn't miss anything, but it just seemed a little sudden.

G. Matthew Rice: Yeah. Yeah.

Evan Leibovitch: I came back just in case there was anything else. If not, I will take off.

Uirá Ribeiro: No. Thank you so much.

G. Matthew Rice: Now we're just convincing.

Max Roveri: Yeah, hello Evan.

Evan Leibovitch: Good to see you again,...

G. Matthew Rice: Yeah. I am be not...

Evan Leibovitch: Okay.

Max Roveri: We'll talk Evan.

Evan Leibovitch: And by the way,...

Max Roveri: We'll talk separately. Okay.

Evan Leibovitch: And that intro I couldn't buy that elsewhere. thank you. and Matt, are you really handd delivering that plaque to Dan in New Hampshire? Yeah.

G. Matthew Rice: until August because in August I'm doing a road trip out to Montreal which is actually where he was just now because he flies out of Montreal.

G. Matthew Rice: So he said it's a two-hour drive and Canadians that's a short commute. So when I'm in Montreal I'll just do a quick detour down into New Hampshire or He's in Vermont, isn't he? is for no now he said Burlington was the local regional airport he mentioned and...

Evan Leibovitch: Okay. Nope.

Evan Leibovitch: No. He's in New H. I thought he was closer to Boston than Montreal, but anyway.

Uirá Ribeiro:

G. Matthew Rice: that's why I'm thinking it is Vermont...

Evan Leibovitch: That is the definition of regional airport.

G. Matthew Rice: yeah so yeah right yeah and...

Evan Leibovitch: One flight a day to O'Hare anyway.

G. Matthew Rice: then yeah so for you though

Evan Leibovitch: Okay.

G. Matthew Rice: I'll probably drop by tomorrow. I'm actually heading out to Ajax and so on my way back if you're around.

Evan Leibovitch: Okay. yeah,...

G. Matthew Rice: Yeah. Yep.

Evan Leibovitch: just touch base with me so I'm home.

Max Roveri: Okay. Again.

Evan Leibovitch: Yeah, that'll be a much easier trip. Okay, thanks all.

G. Matthew Rice: Yeah. Yeah. You're on All Cool. Bye, Evan. And congrats.

Evan Leibovitch: Okay, bye bye.

G. Matthew Rice: All right. this is close to being a board meeting I don't know if you're planning on doing the transition for the new board members at the next official board meeting or...

G. Matthew Rice: a special one, but it be Yeah.

Uirá Ribeiro: Yes. Yes.

Uirá Ribeiro: I would like to have the welcome kit a PDF to send to them and...

G. Matthew Rice: Yeah. Yeah.

Uirá Ribeiro: their email address and we have to decide in the next meeting who's going to be three year and who's going to be two year term.

G. Matthew Rice: Yeah. Yeah.

Uirá Ribeiro: And...

G. Matthew Rice: Yeah. No one expected a tie.

Uirá Ribeiro: the next meeting will be at 10 Julia.

G. Matthew Rice: I thought He was going to scoop everyone.

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G. Matthew Rice: That was a close election.

Ricardo Prudenciato: Nice.

G. Matthew Rice: But yeah. I know I've made a note to I think they might have been making some updates to the welcome kit, but I'll get it out to you on Monday. yes.

Max Roveri: And I see right that Simo made it.

Max Roveri: Simon. Yeah. Okay. Nice.

G. Matthew Rice: Let me go see where is it here. I'll share my screen.

Max Roveri: Yeah. again.

Werner Fischer: The other is back too.

G. Matthew Rice: Yeah. Thiago, I'll make it so you can unmute in a second.

Tiago Felipe Gonçalves: Yeah, I can speak already. Yeah.

G. Matthew Rice: And Yeah. So, here are the results. no. So, Simony, he would be the three-year and then it's between Thiago and Verer. Flip a coin. Arm wrestle. I don't know how y'all wrestle over the internet,...

G. Matthew Rice: but ...

Max Roveri: The only thing I wasn't understanding is...

Max Roveri: why there is one name then three names.

G. Matthew Rice: so for round one, two people tied for first,...

Max Roveri: Okay. Okay.

G. Matthew Rice: right? and...

Max Roveri: So, yeah.

G. Matthew Rice: and then once they were eliminated and...

G. Matthew Rice: the rest of the votes were redistributed then Simone was the third winner and...

Max Roveri: Okay.

Max Roveri: Okay.

G. Matthew Rice: and that's why and then here you're just seeing the summary that these were the three whips and...

Max Roveri: Yeah. Yeah.

G. Matthew Rice: and unlike this one where there was I guess Heraldo or...

Max Roveri: Eliminated. Yeah.

G. Matthew Rice: Geraldo yeah didn't get enough,...

Max Roveri: I'll do you

G. Matthew Rice: which is interesting. yeah, I should really read that page on STV again. But then, Ricardo, that made you the top dog there. And fortunately, Emanuel didn't make it. so now we got another American, but that's okay. And seemed like a good choice.

G. Matthew Rice: A US American. They're everywhere.

Max Roveri: But before I leave,...

Max Roveri: I will ask you again if you got any notification about recording and so on. Other than that,...

G. Matthew Rice: Yeah. Let me refresh.

Max Roveri: we will wait.

G. Matthew Rice: No. No.

Max Roveri: No. Okay.

G. Matthew Rice: Not yet. I guess we're in a ...

Uirá Ribeiro: No, it usually take an hour or...

Uirá Ribeiro: two hours for meetings.

G. Matthew Rice: does it? No. ...

Uirá Ribeiro:

Uirá Ribeiro: So that long. Yeah.

G. Matthew Rice: and there was a couple of clips, too, because there was a recording. I don't know if it started automatically with the meeting.

Max Roveri: Yes. Yes.

G. Matthew Rice: And then I paused it and...

Max Roveri: Okay.

G. Matthew Rice: then started again. So, it'll be the second or the last. I think it was only just two for the looks of it. All right.

Max Roveri: Okay, gentlemen. you soon. Okay. Have a nice weekend.

Max Roveri: Bless to everybody.

G. Matthew Rice: And Thiago, congratulations on winning the election as well.

Tiago Felipe Gonçalves: Thank you very much.

Uirá Ribeiro: Ciao, Max.

G. Matthew Rice: Yeah. Bye everybody.

Tiago Felipe Gonçalves: Yeah, quite a lot.

Max Roveri: Nice to meet you guys.

Ricardo Prudenciano: Thank you.

Werner Fischer: Thank you. Goodbye.

Max Roveri: very close. Don't

Ricardo Prudenciano: Congratulations and

Tiago Felipe Gonçalves: Okay, nice.

Uirá Ribeiro: Ciao. Bye, Ver. Brazil is going to take the board,...

Uirá Ribeiro: another Thiago, Ricardo, and me. Almost half. So, just a bad joke again.

Tiago Felipe Gonçalves: Yeah. Indeed.

G. Matthew Rice: I missed the joke. But that's okay.

Tiago Felipe Gonçalves: No, but Brazilians are everywhere like the world,...

Uirá Ribeiro: I was saying that we're going to take the control of the board.

Tiago Felipe Gonçalves: .

Uirá Ribeiro: We have four Brazilians.

G. Matthew Rice: Yeah. It's just a matter of time. I mean, Orcut was killed because of you guys. You took that over. but hey, I've got the best dad joke because it's a meta dad joke I just learned. When does a joke become a dad joke or Yeah. No. What makes a joke a dad joke?

Uirá Ribeiro: I don't know. Thank you all.

G. Matthew Rice: When the punchline is a parent. I know. Was that bad?

Werner Fischer: It's hard.

G. Matthew Rice: That's my new favorite. All I better go, too. It's time to start Saturdaying.

Tiago Felipe Gonçalves: Yeah. Thank you.

G. Matthew Rice: Bye, guys.

Uirá Ribeiro: Bye-bye. Have a nice weekend. Bye.

Tiago Felipe Gonçalves: You guys. Bye.

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