



# Inside The Apache Software Foundation Board

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# About me

- Community Manager
- ASF Board Member (4th term), VP Incubator, assistant VP Legal Affairs
- ASF Member
- Incubator Mentor 18 ASF projects
- PMC member of 15 ASF projects



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# Overview

- Apache's organizational structure
- Duties of a board member
- Typical month of being a board member
- How you can help

# ASF Governance

- Board of Directors governs the foundation
- Project Management Committees (PMCs) govern the projects
- Board of Directors appoint officers
- Officers of the corporation who set Foundation-wide policies

# ASF Board

- Composed of 9 members
- Yearly members meeting
  - ASF members vote in ASF members
  - Board members voted in by ASF members
- Board members are unpaid volunteers

# What does a board member do?

- Attend monthly board meetings
  - Review officers and project reports
  - Vote on resolutions
- Deal with other issues that arise
- Board F2F

# Preparing for board reports

- Shepherds - board members get assigned a group of reports
- Whimsey reports
- Agenda tool
- ASF mailing lists

# What should be in a good report?

- Should be accurate
- Community focused
- If needed, contains issues for the board
- All the requested information



# Reviewing reports –project activity

- Number of contributors
- Number of commits
- Active and diverse project
- Little or no activity can be fine

# Reviewing reports – discussions

- Where are conversations happening?
- Activity on mailing list
- Project open and transparent
- Decisions are being made on the lists
- Vendor neutrality

# Reviewing reports –release votes

- Releases and votes done correctly?
- Are release artefacts in line with release and distribution policy?

# Reviewing reports –private list

- Voting on new Committers and PMC members
  - Are the discussions and voting on new people done correctly?
  - Is the acceptance bar the same for everyone?
- Are they responding to security reports?
- Are all PMC members subscribed

# Read the report

- Does the report meet what I expect expect?
- Is anything missing?
- Is it accurate?
- If needed, flag the report or add a comment
- Go on to the next report

# Board meetings

- Time zones are hard!
- Usually 1 hour long
- Most of the work is done outside of meetings
- Accept unflagged reports
- Assign tasks to directors from flagged reports
- Vote on any resolutions

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# Get involved!

- Come along to a board meeting
- Ask to shadow a board member
- Consider running for the board