**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF
THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF
RUST FOUNDATION
(a Delaware non-profit corporation)**

Date: July 11, 2023
Time: 21:00 UTC
Place: By online videoconference

Directors present:
Jane Losare-Lusby
Tyler Mandry
Seth Markle
Josh Stone
Ryan Levick
Mark Rousskov
Chris Konstad - representing Meta, alternate for Eric Garcia
Peixin Hou
Stephen Chin
Nell Shamrell-Harrington

Apologies
Lars Bergstrom
Eric Garcia
Andy Wafaa
Joel Marcey (Director of Technology)

Others present:
Rebecca Rumbul (Executive Director)
Paul Lenz (Director of Finance & Funding)
Abi Broom (Operations Manager)
Gracie Gregory (Director of Communications and Marketing)

A quorum was present.

1. Opening Remarks

Ms. Shamrell-Harrington (Vice-Chair) opened the meeting with opening remarks and a check for a quorum. She welcomed the quorum to the July 2023 Board meeting and handed the lead and logistics to Ms. Rumbul.

2. Approval of Minutes

A resolution was put forth to approve the minutes of the June 13th meeting, was briefly discussed, and approved by unanimous consent of the members of the Board present.

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors of the Foundation has reviewed the draft minutes of its regular meeting held on June 13th 2023, which were circulated to the Board (the "June 13th Minutes").

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the June 13th Minutes are hereby approved.

3. Executive Director & Management Team update

Management

Ms. Rumbul gave an update on:
- Ongoing conversations with the German Sovereign Tech Fund and Alpha-Omega around continued funding for the Foundation's security initiative: it would likely be October before significant progress was made.
- Rust.edu – it should be possible to make a formal proposal to the board concerning accepting them as a Foundation project very soon.
- Outreach to and conversations with potential candidates for the role of Rust specification editor, which would be continuing over the next couple of months.
- Ongoing discussions with legal counsel to keep trademark policy work in as much of an actionable state as possible whilst waiting on revision priorities from the Rust Project.

There was a brief discussion of which board members would be attending RustConf and the possibility of holding a partly in-person September board meeting, since the dates were so close.

Technology/Infrastructure

Due to Mr. Marcey's absence on vacation Ms. Rumbul briefly presented a written report covering the following, and requested any specific questions be emailed to her to pass on to Mr. Marcey.

- Fastly now serving the majority of requests across crates.io and Rust releases, 95% and 50% respectively, leading to AWS bandwidth cost reduction of around 50%.
- 3-month proof of concept trial with DataDog now under way.
- Engineering improvements to crates.io:
  - First version of admin panel complete
  - Token expiration has been implemented
  - Fixes to broken crate files on S3
  - RFC written for a proposal on quarantining crates before publication
- The Crates ecosystem threat model has been reviewed, modified for feedback and made public and the crates.io threat model has been drafted and shared with the security initiative stakeholders.
- Wiz, provider of a security scanning platform for infrastructure such as AWS, has donated that platform to the Foundation's security initiative effort.

Finance & Grants

Mr. Lenz provided an overview of the Foundation's performance against budget for the first half of the year, and noted that a detailed review would shortly be produced and presented to the Finance subcommittee.

The 2023 Fellowship grant round had attracted around 150 applications, five times the volume in 2022, which had led to some difficult decisions having to be made. Mr. Lenz thanked everyone in both Foundation and Project who had helped with the process of reviewing the applicants. 13 Fellowship awards had provisionally been made and would be announced later in the month.

Ongoing work by the infrastructure team to streamline cloud computing costs was paying off, and Mr. Lenz noted active conversations with AWS and GitHub about longer term support, which the Foundation was happy to lead on.

Communications & Events

Ms. Gregory noted that due to staff vacation it had been a quieter month than usual but there were plenty of announcements upcoming, including new Silver member spotlights, the 2023 Fellows, and a report on the work done under the security initiative so far.

Rust Global planning was proceeding very well, operating on the same timeline as WasmCon. This meant that the CFP had already opened and closed, and because of that short timeline the number of proposals had not been large, but the quality was good and 3 great talks had been selected. Foundation staff will also be directly inviting one or two speakers. Ms. Gregory invited all board members to attend the event, and also asked them to spread the word to any potential attendees in their networks.

A sample of the Foundation's completed new brand kit was presented.

4. Q3 Goals

Ms. Rumbul said that the majority of Q2 goals had been met, though a couple were delayed due to external blockers and would be rolled over to Q3.

She outlined Q3 goals as follows:
- Award 2023 Rust Foundation Fellowships
- Engage consultant to lead Rust Specification work
- Publish report on Rust Foundation Security Initiative
- Develop plan for training and certification workstream
- Develop 2024 + beyond plan for RustConf
- Speaking appearances at OSS Congress (Geneva), UCE Engineering Rust Meet-up (Paris), Rust Global @ WASMCON (Seattle), RustConf (Albuquerque), OSS Summit Europe (Bilbao)
- Develop draft decision-making process on 'causes' that the Foundation may choose to support (or not to support) [carried over from Q2]
- Progress new Trademark policy [carried over from Q2]

- Finalize proposal for board vote on accepting new project [carried over from Q2]

5. Project Directors update

Mr. Levick gave the update:
- A new Rust release was expected in 2 days' time.
- The Project and Foundation in concert had completed [improvements to crates.io API tokens](), including token scoping
- The [Leadership Council]() was formed, and had been meeting each week. Its focus thus far had been on internal processes and admin, setting up how the Council itself functions. A subcommittee has been set up to establish the process for Project Director elections to the Rust Foundation board, and will bring a proposal to the full council to approve.

6. AOB

Associate Membership: Mr. Hou inquired about the best way to surface associate member prospects to the Foundation. Ms. Rumbul responded that an email introduction would be best at this time. At the August meeting Foundation staff will share draft paperwork and processes for Associate membership for board approval.

7. Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Board at this time, the meeting adjourned at approximately 21:48 UTC.