

3/27/2013

Agile Alliance Board Minutes

Present: Rebecca Parsons, Esther Derby, Pat Reed, Ola Ellenstam, Shane Hastie, Phil Brock, Paul Culling, Linda Cook, Diana Larsen.

Absent: Jim Newkirk, Samuel Crescencio, Declan Whelan,

Notes: Sharon

Appreciations

Regular Reports:

Treasurer & Operations Report: Phil Brock

Following the annual curve, accumulating cash from conference registration and sponsorship. This mirrors conference registration patterns.

New Submissions System: System is being very well received, running slightly over budget. About 6k worth of additional work (which has been authorized) for features not in the original plan. Finishing up an agreement for a maintenance contract. A dashboard will allow for annual customization. From the perspective of submitters, the experience of submitting is better than any other year, feedback is really good and the overall experience is very good.

Executive Forum: Now have a sponsorship portfolio, Heidi and Todd are both coming to Nashville, and the program should be announced by April 15th.

Sponsorship Dollars: On track with conference budget.

Conference Registration: Super Early Bird has sold out.

Brazil Update:

Super Early Bird also sold out. The Brazil group is experiencing some possible cash flow issues due to their last year's conference arrangements.

AA has contracted with an attorney in Chicago to review the US non-profit tax status and look at ways to collaborate with the group in Brazil. The firm has confirmed that things are in order with regard to AA's tax-exempt status in the US. A key issue with partnering with an organization in another country is that the partner organization must also be a non-profit and it should share the same mission. The firm doesn't see an issue with a Brazil/Agile partnership. Samuel has contracted with attorneys in Brazil as well. The next step will be to set a meeting between the two groups of attorneys.

The premise is that there could be two parallel organizations that will create a relatively simple contract to allow them to work together on specified projects. The idea is that if there is some problem with the relationship and AA wishes to disengage that it would be a simpler process due to the relatively simple contracts made between the two parallel organizations. This is basic risk mitigation.

Council of Advisor Responses:

Rebecca has spoken with a council member while in India who didn't seem to understand the process, but also felt that the questions were too vague to answer. Are there ways to frame the questions so that we get more of a response? Board members are encouraged to reach out to folks who they nominated to inquire why they didn't respond to the questions.

The board will use the responses to review the mission

statement at the f2f meeting in Vancouver. Board members should follow up with their nominees and get their responses back to the board within the next 3 weeks, and also try to understand what obstructed their responses if possible. Any questions that the board would like to put to the council before the meeting in Vancouver please let Phil or Rebecca know as soon as possible.

Vancouver Face-To-Face Meeting:

Agile Vancouver reports that it wants to hold a Monday event. Logistics should be worked out this week or early next week. Questions should be sent to Phil or directly to the Vancouver User Group.

No information as yet on length of sessions or the event itself.

Agile Accounting Standard: Pat Reed

Working with Dan Greenling, Pat has drafted a report. Publishing the report as an addendum on the Agile site and will be published as part of the ASC-1 documentation. Companies are adopting the addendum as a de-facto standard simplifying the process of adoption. Shane has created a buzz by posting on InfoQ. There are 3-4 documented which are inconsistent with our standard which allows us to bring a strong model for a clear and compelling standard. Hoping to get in front of them for a summer session to move this forward.

Steering Committee Report: Phil Brock

The steering committee met March 6th. The topic of the call was the responses to the interest in the Agile2014 conference. The call that went out was general although leadership roles were mentioned. Responses were discussed with an eye towards succession planning and base-level qualifications for various positions in the conference. For conference chair a few people applied, the individual selected and recommended to the board is Mitch Lacey. The other candidates who put themselves

forward for conference chair had less experience in working with the conference; one of the most important characteristics was deemed to be having extensive experience with the conference. There were a few respondents who weren't right for the North American Chair, but might make very good possibilities for international conferences. Succession improvement will be achieved by asking an up-and-coming candidate to shadow an experienced individual.

By vote: Mitch Lacey is approved as Agile2014 Chair

Hopes and Wishes