

CONSTITUTIONS

of

Kuching Open Source Community

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ARTICLE 1 **NAME**

The formal name of the society shall be known as “**Kuching Open Source Community**” hereinafter referred to as “the Society”.

ARTICLE 2 **OBJECTIVES**

The objectives of the Society are:

- (1) To promote the awareness of the incentives and advantages of using and developing open source software and push the adoption of open source to the public, businesses and government;
- (2) To help others learn about open source software and the Linux operating systems, by making use of printed materials, electronic press, events, symposiums, seminars, and the like;
- (3) To look for ways and means to support and maintain open source software, since the great majority of the work done in this field is voluntary, and to encourage those seeking to learn more about software development to take advantage of open source software;
- (4) To socialize with their fellow Linux and open source software developers and users; and
- (5) To engage in other Linux and open source-related activities (i.e. installfests).

ARTICLE 3 MEMBERSHIP

- (1) Anyone can apply to become member of the Society by sending e-mail or written mail to the Society.
- (2) There shall be no membership fee.

ARTICLE 4 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

- (1) The affairs of the Society shall be directed by an Executive Committee (hereinafter called “the Committee”) which shall meet not less than four (4) times a year and when complete shall consist of not less than five (5) and not more than ten (10) members.
- (2) The members of the Committee shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting of the Society in accordance with Article 6 hereof.
- (3) Election to the Committee shall be for two (2) years but shall be eligible for re-election.
- (4) Any casual vacancy in the Committee may be filled by the Committee or any member appointed to fill such a casual vacancy until the conclusion of the next Annual General Meeting of the Society.
- (5) The Committee may appoint special or standing committees as may be deemed necessary by the Committee and shall determine their terms of reference, powers, duration and composition. All acts and proceedings of such special or standing committees shall be reported back to the Committee as soon as possible.

ARTICLE 5 DUTIES OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

This Society will have four core members of Committee with the chain of command being the order listed in this article:

- (1) **President / Chairman**
 - (a) The president shall be the official representative of the group.
 - (b) He/she is responsible for the Society, its activities, and the delegation of tasks to be carried out on behalf of the Society.

(2) **Vice President**

(a) The vice president shall assist the president in all official duties.

(3) **Secretary**

(a) The secretary shall be responsible for maintaining order at meetings.

(b) He/she shall keep reasonably accurate minutes of the meetings.

(c) He/she shall be responsible for maintaining the document repository.

(4) **Treasurer**

(a) The treasurer shall be responsible to maintain the finances of the society in an open format and to make these records available upon request.

(b) He/she shall keep inventory of all society possessions and properties on loan to the Society.

ARTICLE 6 MEETINGS

(1) Once in each year an Annual General Meeting of the Society shall be held at such time (not being more than fifteen (15) months after the holding of the preceding Annual General Meeting) and place as the Committee shall determine.

(2) Official meetings shall be held at least once every three (3) months, at a time and location specified by the Committee. All general meetings must be attended by at least two (2) Committee members and at least five (5) members of the Society.

(3) Votes shall be decided by a two-thirds of all present members.

ARTICLE 7 AMENDMENTS

(1) Subject to the following provisions of this article the Constitution may be altered by a resolution passed by not less than two-thirds of the members present and voting at a general meeting.

- (2) The Committee should promptly send to the Commissioners a copy of any amendment made.

* * * END OF CONSTITUTION * * *