

**IGDA Board Minutes
November 14th 2009**

Called to order at 3:30 p.m. EST, and adjourned at 4:27 p.m. EST.

Board Members in Attendance:

Coray Seifert (Phone), Tobi Saulnier, Brenda Brathwaite (Phone), Tom Buscaglia, Brian Robbins, Gordon Bellamy, Tim Train, Rodney Gibbs(Phone), Erin Hoffman, Jamil Moledina

Board Members Not in Attendance:

Jen MacLean, Mark DeLoura,

Also Present: Joshua Caulfield, Chuck Sapp

Agenda

1. Discuss and vote on new Communications Plan developed by Erin Hoffman and Brian Robbins
2. Formally Commission the Communications Working Group to be headed by Wendy Despain
3. Accept and approve the IGDA Code of Ethics
4. Website
5. Financials Update and Budget Draft Presented - Joshua.

Motions Summary

1. Motion to Accept the Communications Plan as presented by Erin and Brian. Moved by Gordon, seconded by Tim, unanimously approved.
2. Motion to formally commission the communications working group as an outgrowth of the informal " Messaging Committee" being headed up by Wendy. The execution of this commission to be led by Erin with support by Joshua and the Staff and Brian as available. The motion was made by Tom, seconded by Brian and was unanimously approved.
3. Motion to officially accept and approve the IGDA Code of Ethics (which had been put forward 2 months prior for comment to the community via the wiki and website) as a voluntary commitment by the IGDA members with no current provision for enforcement. This motion was made by Erin and seconded by Jamil. There was unanimous approval for this motion.
4. Motion to adjourn at 4:27 p.m. EST by Gordon, seconded by Tim. (Unanimously approved.)

Next meeting

N/A

Submitted by Coray Seifert, Secretary of the Board

Meeting Notes and Action Items

Communications Plan

The first motion was to accept the communications plan as presented by Erin and Brian. Gordon Moved and Tim seconded, the vote was unanimously in favor of acceptance.

Commission Communications Working Group

The second Motion was to formally commission the communications working group as an outgrowth of the informal " Messaging Committee" being headed up by Wendy. The execution of this commission to be led by Erin with support by Joshua and the Staff and Brian as available. The motion was made by Tom, seconded by Brian and was unanimously approved.

Code of Ethics

The third motion was to officially accept and approve the IGDA Code of Ethics (which had been put forward 2 months prior for comment to the community via the wiki and website) as a voluntary commitment by the IGDA members with no current provision for enforcement. This motion was made by Erin and seconded by Jamil. There was unanimous approval for this motion.

After the third motion we lost quorum.

Website

There was a discussion of the Website by the Board:
It was universally recognized that the Website was critical to the success of the IGDA, and also that there were some issue with the current implementation. Specifically: Speed, Broken Links/Missing Content, the Forums area, and Training for the Volunteers who wanted to work with it.

There was an action plan put together:

- Gather a group of volunteers to support Mark and the Staff in their efforts to fix the site
- Review alternative developer partners to work with moving forward who could be more responsive to the needs of the organization
- Using the above talent begin fixing the website as rapidly as possible.

New Business - International Chapters

Tom brought forward for discussion the issue that the International Chapters and their value proposition/support needed to be addressed.

2010 Budget

The Board Discussed the First Draft of the Budget:

- There was general agreement that the new format of the budget document and arrangement of the expenses made it easier to understand.
- The group walked through the revenue projections for the year ahead and discussed how aggressive they were.
- There was a concern brought forward that there was not enough monies budgeted for work on the website (currently budgeted at \$20k).
- There were some discussions about additional areas in which the IGDA could cut expenses which were proposed by the staff for further consideration by the Board.
- There was a request from Joshua that the Board continue to review the budget for discussion via email and acceptance at the December Board meeting.