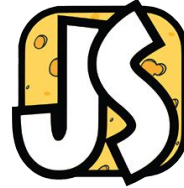


# Open Governance in the JavaScript Ecosystem

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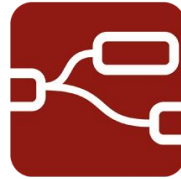
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# Benefits to JS Foundation



- Node.js is an important part of the tool chain for JS Foundation projects
- Core JS Foundation projects would benefit from the active community of Node.js contributors
- No picture of the JS ecosystem is complete without Node

# Benefits to Node.js Foundation



- Participate in a multi-project foundation
- Share and refine best practices
- Sustainable approach, build foundation that can outlast project



We're more than the sum of our parts.

# We exist to:



Promote the widespread adoption and continued development of JavaScript & web solutions.



# We exist to:



Facilitate collaboration within the JavaScript development community.

# We exist to:



Create a center of gravity for Open Source projects, guiding them toward open governance & diverse collaborator bases.

# We exist to:



Enable an open and accessible web through the advancement of  
Projects and strategic partnerships.

It's about the journey *and*  
the destination.

# Weekly Community Merge Meetings



- Every Monday, alternating times to accommodate different time zones
- Meetings were livestreamed and recorded on YouTube, with collaborative note taking via Google Docs
- Attendance ranged from 10-30 people a week, including Board & Top-level committee members, project leaders, and community members
- Ad hoc meetings to discuss specific things in depth as needed

# Proposal Staging Process

- Process for determining the state of an idea, borrowed from TC39 methodology
- Process for refining these ideas, gaining consensus so they could be brought to the respective boards for approval & worked into the bylaws of new foundation
- Helped us discuss & advance proposals during weekly meetings; progress tracked on repo via PR comments & review

# Constant Feedback Gathering

- Lots of email updates, twitter outreach, and social media outreach to spread the word
- Ad hoc meetings, meetings with respective committees to capture unmet needs or concerns
- Multiple Townhall sessions to invite the broader community to ask questions

# Resulting Governance Structure

OpenJS Foundation  
Board  
Oversees Business  
Decisions

## Cross Project Council (CPC)

Oversees programs and processes related to OpenJS Foundation projects, such as accepting new projects, moving projects through the stage process, administering benefits like the travel or scholarship fund, handling infrastructure concerns, etc.  
Comprised of representatives of the project communities and anyone who would like to participate.

- Entity Management
- Approving Charters
- Budget
- Marketing
- Membership
- Strategy
- Events
- Legal

## Impact Projects

Projects with Open Governance, enterprise impact, and stable release cycles with long-term support.



## Growth Projects

Projects with SMART goals identified, perhaps related to growing number of contributors or production use cases.

## At Large Projects

Projects that are not actively working on growth goals and do not yet qualify for Impact.

## Emeritus Projects

Projects that are considered 'complete' or are no longer in active development.



# Why this Rocks

- Open Participation - anyone can attend & contribute to CPC meetings
- Projects keep their existing project-specific process & committees
- Projects can move between stages as needed, when needed
- Projects have a direct path to creating programs that benefit them
- Networked structure encourages delegation



The future is cool.

# Current Activities

- Official formation of the CPC by Impact projects and interested parties
- Just had an all-project collaborator summit May 30-31 in Berlin
- Executive Director search
- Housekeeping - helping projects update documentation, process and policy where needed to adopt OpenJS Foundation infrastructure



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# Thank You



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- JSF Board of Directors
- Node Community Committee
- Node TSC
- JSF TAC & Project Leads
- Merge Bootstrap Committee
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- JS Devs everywhere