

Vancouver Linux Users Group Society

AGM 2023 Minutes

Monday, November 27, 2023
VPL, Kitsilano Branch Meeting Room, 6:00 PM

1 Call to Order and Establishment of Quorum.

VanLUG bylaws state that a quorum for an AGM “shall consist of at least six members, three of whom shall be on the current Board of Directors and two of whom are shall also be executive members.”

We had to wait for enough members to arrive to make Quorum. Meeting called to order at 6:10 PM. More members arrived as the meeting progressed, nine paid members by the end of the meeting.

Attendance:

Kim Kulak (Chair/Secretary), John Weintraub, Bill McGrath, Jeff Wilkins, Iain Kyte, William Graham, Christopher Kilger, Rahul Khopkar, Amol Jha

2 Presentation and Acceptance of the Minutes of the VanLUG 2022 AGM:

Chair Motion: To accept the minutes of the VanLUG 2022 AGM as presented.

Didn't have a copy of last year's minutes at the meeting.

Motion that the reading of last years minutes be tabled until next year. (John Weintraub)

Seconded: Bill McGrath

Discussion: None

Vote: For: Unanimous Against:

3 Presentation, amendments (if any) and acceptance of this 2023 AGM Agenda

Chair Motion: To accept the agenda fo the VanLUG 2023 AGM as presented.

Seconded: Bill McGrath

Discussion: None

Vote: For: Unanimous Against:

4 The Year in Review:

See Appendix A “VanLUG in 2023 Activities Summary” Assembled by Nestor Balce, presented by Kim Kulak

5 Year end Reports:

Because of late arrival the year end reports were presented after the Dave Michelson award, item 8 on the agenda.

5.1 Financial Reports:

See Appendix B “Financial Report”. Assembled and presented by Iain Kyte.

5.2 Membership Report:

No membership report was presented.

Chair Motion: To accept all year end reports.

Seconded: John Weintraub

Discussion: None

Vote: For: Unanimous Against:

6 Change the VanLUG membership term.

Chair Motion: Whereas the only benefit of being a full member of VanLUG is the ability to vote at the AGM and to be a member of the VanLUG board of directors we move that the effective period of a full membership be changed from one year (1st January to 31st December) to AGM to AGM. All current full memberships expire and new memberships paid for prior to each AGM.

Seconded: John Weintraub

Discussion: Will greatly simplify the membership process. Will no longer need a membership secretary to maintain membership records.

Vote: For: Unanimous Against:

7 Annual Membership Dues Review:

Chair Motion: That the current fee for full membership in VanLUG shall remain at \$20 with a \$10 student/hardship rate.

Seconded: John Weintraub

Discussion: None

Vote: For: Unanimous Against:

8 The Dave Michelson Award.

To recognize an outstanding effort in the promotion of Free/Libre Open Source software in the Vancouver/Lower Mainland area.

For his many years as a member of VanLUG and leading VanLUG through the difficult years of COVID as president, the Dave Michelson award for 2023 was given to **Bill McGrath**.

9 Election of the Board of Directors for 2024

Call for nominations from the floor:

Two members came forward from the floor and accepted nomination to the VanLUG board of Directors. We most certainly welcome to the board Christopher Kilger and Rahul Khopkar.

Kim Kulak – President

John Weintraub – Vice President

Iain Kyte – Treasurer

Nestor Balce – Member of the Board

Jeff Wilkins – Member of the Board

Cecilia Vargas – Member of the Board

William Graham – Member of the Board

Bill McGrath – Member of the Board (Past President)

Rahul Khopkar – Member of the Board

Christopher Kilger – Member of the Board

Chair Motion: That the above recommended/updated slate be elected as the Vancouver Linux Users Group Society Board of Directors.

Seconded: Jeff Wilkins

Discussion: Welcome to the three new members, including Cecilia Vargas.

Vote: For: Unanimous Against:

10 New Business: Any paid member may propose a motion from the floor.

Discussion – Because of library hours we were forced to conduct this meeting from 6:00 PM to 7:30. The 6:00 PM start time is too early for working members of VanLUG to arrive on time, and the 7:30 finish time makes the meeting too rushed. The new board to look into finding a better meeting location.

Discussion - Bill to make arrangements for a VanLUG dinner sometime in the 3rd week of December.

11 Date, Location and Time of the first VanLUG Meetings of the new 2024 year.

The first meeting of the new board will happen on December 11, 2023 at 7:00 PM at Bills apartment. The first members meeting is scheduled for January 22nd, 2024. Details on Meetup as they become available.

12 Motion to Adjourn:

Moved by John Weintraub, meeting adjourned at 7:15 PM.

Appendix A “VanLUG in 2023 Activities Summary”

VanLUG in 2023

Activities Summary





Summary of Member Meetings

We Started November 2022 (1st IRL meet) at 680 members. Now at 898.

Highest registration was with Red Hat at 45 names, highest attendees (22)

We have increased Membership by +32% since November 2022.

Events	Dates	Location	Registration	Attendees	No. of Members	Index (11/2022 = 100)
Bouncing Back: Rebooting VanLUG	November 28, 2022	Vancouver Public Library, Kitsilano Branch	7	9	680	100
Python is Cognitive Bias (pt 1)	January 23, 2023	Vancouver Public Library, Kitsilano Branch	14	10	690	101
Python is Cognitive Bias (pt 2)	February 27, 2023	Vancouver Public Library, Kitsilano Branch	11	7	699	103
Python is Cognitive Bias (pt 2)	March 20, 2023	Vancouver Public Library, Kitsilano Branch	11	13	704	104
Why Python is a Good Beginners Language	April 17, 2023	Vancouver Public Library, Kitsilano Branch	24	11	721	106
Seminar: Learn all about RSync	June 26, 2023	Vancouver Public Library, Kitsilano Branch	16	7	781	115
Untapped Careers & Red Hat Linux	July 17, 2023	Vancouver Public Library, Kitsilano Branch	45	22	805	118
VanLUG Member's Meeting	October 23, 2023	Vancouver Public Library, Kitsilano Branch	22	12	885	130
Annual General Meeting	November 27, 2023	Vancouver Public Library, Kitsilano Branch	14	TBD	898	132



Summary of Events

VPL's Linux Link is a hit, generating good registration with a high of 35, despite not having a need to register since it is an open event.

Events	Dates	Location	Registration	Attendees	No. of Members	Index (11/2022 = 100)
VPL Linux Link	May 6, 2023	Vancouver Public Library, Central Library	24	16	745	110
VPL Linux Link	June 3, 2023	Vancouver Public Library, Central Library	21	20	765	113
VPL Linux Link	July 29, 2023	Vancouver Public Library, Central Library	29	19	817	120
VPL Linux Link	August 19, 2023	Vancouver Public Library, Central Library	28	20	836	123
VPL Linux Link	September 23, 2023	Vancouver Public Library, Central Library	22	18	856	126
VPL Linux Link	October 21, 2023	Vancouver Public Library, Central Library	35	22	880	129
VPL Linux Link	December 9, 2023	Vancouver Public Library, Central Library	20	TBD		

Coming in 2024



- Linux Link in Q1 (tbc)
 - Jan. 13, 2024
 - Feb. 10, 2024
 - Mar. 9, 2024
- January 2024 Member's Meeting with Canonical (Ubuntu)
- "Linux Foundation" as Associate Members
- More Member Events

Ultimate Goal

Earn more than 1,000 active members in VanLUG, making us the biggest community of Open Source Users globally.



The most
important
takeaway:
Providing 'Value' to
People is the best
reason to join
VanLUG.



Thanks!

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Appendix B “Financial Report”

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Income & Expenses

Description	Items	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Prior Balance		\$805.81	\$822.98	\$1,109.33	\$895.11	\$4,023.05
Income						
	Membership	\$220.00	\$80.00	\$0.00	\$300.38	\$20.00
	Donations	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,000.00	\$0.00
	PayPal	\$0.00	\$476.16	\$0.00	\$546.77	\$0.00
	Interest	\$0.13	\$0.07	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
	Credit Arrangement	\$91.72	\$91.97	\$101.91	\$0.00	\$0.00
Total		\$311.85	\$648.20	\$101.91	\$3,847.15	\$20.00
Expenses						
	Meet up	\$254.68	\$238.91	\$251.25	\$250.78	\$195.61
	Mail Man List	\$0.00	\$32.94	\$0.00	\$53.52	\$67.47
	Province of BC	\$40.00	\$90.00	\$0.00	\$135.00	\$0.00
	Access Storage	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$64.88	\$71.69	\$0.00
	AGM Expenses	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$208.22	\$0.00
Total		\$294.68	\$361.85	\$316.13	\$719.21	\$263.08
Balance		\$822.98	\$1,109.33	\$895.11	\$4,023.05	\$3,779.97
Community Service		\$41.15	\$41.15	\$41.15	\$41.15	\$41.15
Linux Symposium		\$10,190.79	\$10,190.79	\$10,190.79	\$10,190.79	\$10,190.79