

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF
THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF
RUST FOUNDATION
(a Delaware non-profit corporation)**

Date: August 13, 2024

Time: 21:00 UTC

Place: By online videoconference

Directors present:

Lars Bergstrom

Jakob Degen

Eric Garcia

Peixin Hou

Ryan Levick

Seth Markle

Scott McMurray

Santiago Pastorino

Alexandru Radovici

Mark Rousskov

Nell Shamrell-Harrington

Others present:

Rebecca Rumbul (Executive Director)

Paul Lenz (Director of Finance & Funding)

Gracie Gregory (Director of Communications and Marketing)

Apologies:

Abi Broom (Director of Operations)

Joel Marcey (Director of Technology)

A quorum was present.

1. Opening Remarks

Mr. Bergstrom opened the meeting with opening remarks and a check for a quorum. He welcomed the quorum to the August 2024 Board meeting and handed the lead and logistics to Ms. Rumbul.

2. Approval of Minutes

A resolution was put forth to approve the minutes of the previous meeting, was briefly discussed, and approved by unanimous consent of the members of the Board present.

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors of the Foundation has reviewed the draft minutes of its regular meeting held on July 9th 2024, which were circulated to the Board (the "July 9th Minutes").

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the July 9th Minutes are hereby approved.

3. Executive Team Update

Management

Ms. Rumbul gave the update. DARPA had announced a “Translating All C to Rust” (TRACTOR) program and she would be meeting with contacts at DARPA in the coming weeks to discuss the program and the Foundation’s potential involvement.

She had shared the latest draft of the trademark policy with the Leadership Council, staff, and board for comment. Following RustConf, the document will be updated based on that feedback, and then sent to all@rust-lang.org for further input. Ultimately the aim is to bring a final draft for ratification at the December board meeting.

There was a discussion around the ongoing EU CRA Standards work. The EU has created a category of “open source stewards” which the Foundation will be included in. Current work is led by the Eclipse Foundation (with the RF as founding members) and focuses on how foundations which have package repos and are responsible for tooling and processes can meet the EU’s standards. The board requested a short monthly update on progress.

Technology/Infrastructure

As Mr. Marcey was on PTO, Ms. Rumbul gave a brief update, and invited the board to send questions to Mr. Marcey for him to address on his return. Most notably, a draft of the C++/Rust Interop Initiative initial problem statement and strategy had been completed, was currently under review by staff and specific members of the Project, and will be shared more widely soon.

Finance & Grants

Mr. Lenz gave the update. He noted that the Foundation’s restricted funds donations to support the Security Initiative were on the point of running out, but that the continued costs of this initiative could be met from the membership and administration surplus until new funding streams were found (with positive conversations in progress with one new potential donor).

Applications were now closed for the 2024 Fellowship Program, with 14 received for Community Fellowships, 24 for Project Goal Fellowships, and 31 for Project Member Fellowships. Foundation staff and Project leadership were assessing the applications with the goal of making awards by the end of August.

Communications & Events

Ms. Gregory gave a recap of recent and upcoming communications output. She noted that good progress was being made on the delayed relaunch of the Foundation’s website, with copy and functionality currently being reviewed by the staff team.

RustConf had so far brought in >\$200k of ticket and sponsorship income, with Gold sponsorship slots on the point of selling out. This meant that (excluding the costs of staff time) the conference will break even. The schedule was finalized and live, with 500+ in-person attendees projected, and 700+ online.

The Foundation's intention was to announce 2025 dates and location at RustConf 2024, with Vancouver a leading contender. Mr. Levick brought up public interest in other locations (specifically outside of North America) and how the Foundation proposed to address that. Ms. Rumbul responded that the Foundation was primarily interested in hosting the event in the best and most convenient location for as many people as possible, and given the wealth of Rust conferences in Europe at present, North America made the most sense to avoid competing with those. Interest in Vancouver was driven by the relative ease of securing visas, the upcoming complexity of the US election, and Canada's protective laws and policies for LGBTQIA+ individuals. Mr. Pastorino suggested the Foundation consider establishing alliances with other events to establish "official Project" programming. Ms. Rumbul concurred and stressed the strategy of the Rust Foundation's Rust Global brand to drive side events across multiple continents.

4. Project Director Update

Mr. Degan gave the update:

- Rust 1.80 and 1.80.1 had been released.
- A [Project Goals announcement](#) was shared on the official Rust blog.

5. Sub-committee updates

Mr. Lenz shared that a regular call has been scheduled for the finance committee.

6. Associate Member Application

The board considered two applications for Associate Membership from CodeDay and PROMOTIC, which were accepted.

Mr. Degan expressed interest in learning more about the process for assessing associate member applications, and Ms. Rumbul shared an outline of due diligence activities, noting that applications are only brought to the board when the staff team is confident of the applicant's motivations and alignment with the Foundation.

6. AOB

There was no other business.

7. Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Board at this time, the meeting adjourned at approximately 21:57 UTC.