Drupal Governance Plan

A framework for making our home awesome

Agenda

- Presentation (20 min)
  - Background
  - Proposal
  - Use cases
- Discussion (90 min)
- Next steps (10 min)

Problem statement

- Community growth exploding, tools neither scaling nor improving to fit needs of contributors (e.g. pull requests)
- Policies often made up ad-hoc, among individuals, then applied inconsistently
- Volunteers can receive conflicting (or no) answers around how to make changes to Drupal.org; veto power seems random
- Unclear decision-making around Drupal.org costs both real $$$ and community good will

Happenings to-date

- Held governance sprint in Portland last year
  - http://buytaert.net/proposal-from-first-drupal-governance-sprint
- Chartered Community Working Group
  - http://drupal.org/node/1822314
- Met several times with community members to flesh out use cases of Technical Working Group, Drupal.org groups
- Drupal Association **suspending further funding** on Drupal.org improvements until governance is figured out.

Criteria for successful governance

We should be able to:

- Make decisions fast
- ...In as lightweight a way as possible
- ...Allowing affected parties to have a say
- ...With clearly-defined processes and easy to understand decision-making.

Question for group:

What else defines success?

What is in it for me?

- Better communication among teams
- Less frustration/uncertainty
- More empowerment in decision-making process
- Better community velocity
- More money/resources funneled into improving Drupal.org

Goal of this call

- Get alignment on broad goals
- Find areas of disagreement
  - Determine plan for addressing "hot topic" issues
- Form into smaller teams for chartering individual working groups

Governance Overview

Two sides to governance:
- Drupal project
- Drupal.org

Drupal project

Community Working Group

Technical Working Group

Security Team

Drupal Core N Working Group

Documentation Team

General working group structure

1. Chair (appointed)
2. 3-5 committee members (mix of stakeholders)
3. N community volunteers/DA staff to help carry out work

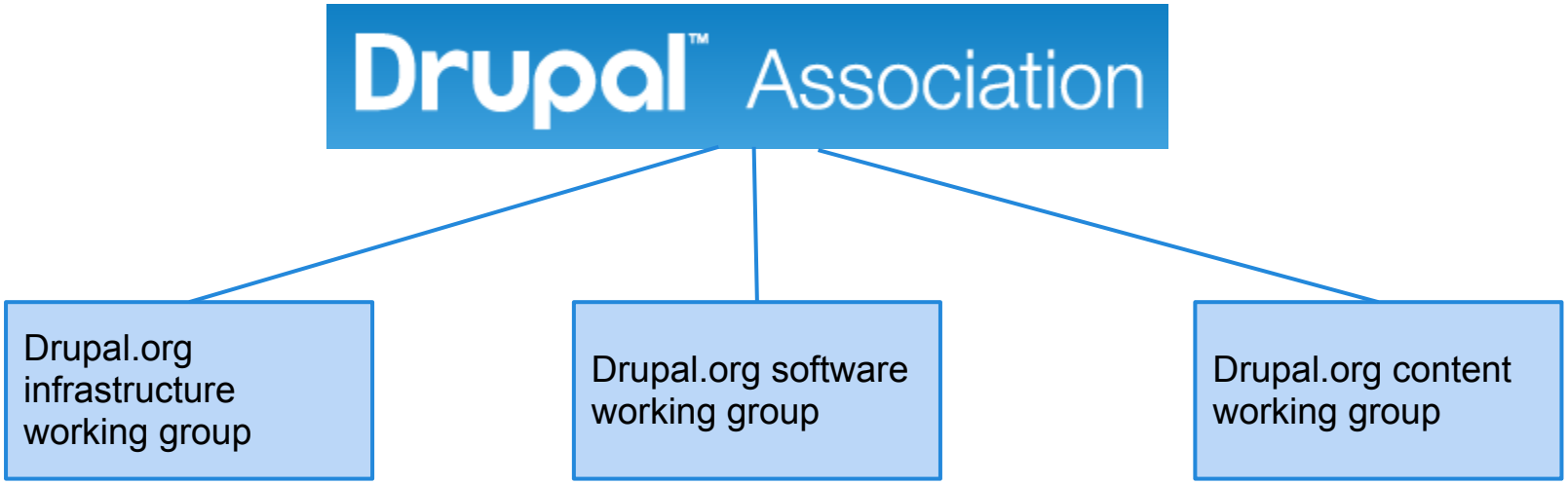
Committees make decisions as a whole, not as individuals

Each committee must be as transparent as possible in its dealings, invite community comment before/after major decisions.

Drupal project

	Community working group	Technical working group	Security team	Documentation team	Drupal core X working group
In scope	• Community conflicts • Code of Conduct	• Git policies • • Coding standards • Project policies	• Security checks of new projects • Security coverage policies	• Handbook • API docs • Tools for docs team	• Technical leadership • Initiatives • Sprints • Project management
Governance	3-5 Members, appointed by Dries	3-5 Members, appointed by Dries	Team lead appointed by Dries	Team lead appointed by Dries	5-7 members appointed by Dries
Escalation point	Dries	Dries	Dries	Dries	Dries

Drupal.org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Drupal.org infrastructure working group
Drupal.org software working group
Drupal.org content working group

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In scope	• Software decisions around LAMP stack • Hardware decisions • Partner w/ software WG on infra implications • Hosting company relationship	• Drupal.org technical roadmap (features) • Technical/strategic decision on major projects • Permissions/roles on Drupal.org • Security of Drupal.org • Freenode relationship	• Marketplace • Front page • Hosting/book listings • Anti-spam policy • Case studies ... • Navigation/IA • Header/Footer
Governance	3-5 Members (community + DA), appointed by DA	3-5 Members (community + DA), appointed by DA	3-5 members (community + DA), appointed by DA
Escalation point	Drupal Association board	Drupal Association board	Drupal Association board

Putting it into Practice

How will this work on a day-to-day basis?

Use cases

Do we drop the duplicate module check on new projects?

- Decision made by Technical Working Group

Should we only do security announcements on modules with > 1000 users?

- Decision made by Security Team

Do we roll out project ratings and reviews or the Drupal.org D7 upgrade first?

- Decision made by Drupal.org software WG

Use cases

Do we continue developing Project* module, or do we move our collaboration tools to Github?

Decision made by all of:

- Drupal.org software working group
- Drupal.org hardware working group
- Technical Working Group
- DA board

Others?

Discussion

1. Where do we agree?
2. Where do we disagree?
3. Alternatives?

Tables/Notes: http://bit.ly/XeMDZB

Next steps / key milestones

- ASAP: Incorporate feedback from call + post overall plan to Governance issue queue to discuss
- February 27 (Dries + Angie): Post draft charters for Drupal.org WGs / TWG for community feedback.
- March 20 (Dries/Angie + small teams): Second revision of WG charters based on feedback.
- Early April (Dries): Formalize charters + membership and announce
- May (DrupalCon Portland) (Dries): Educate community about Drupal.org governance