

# 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

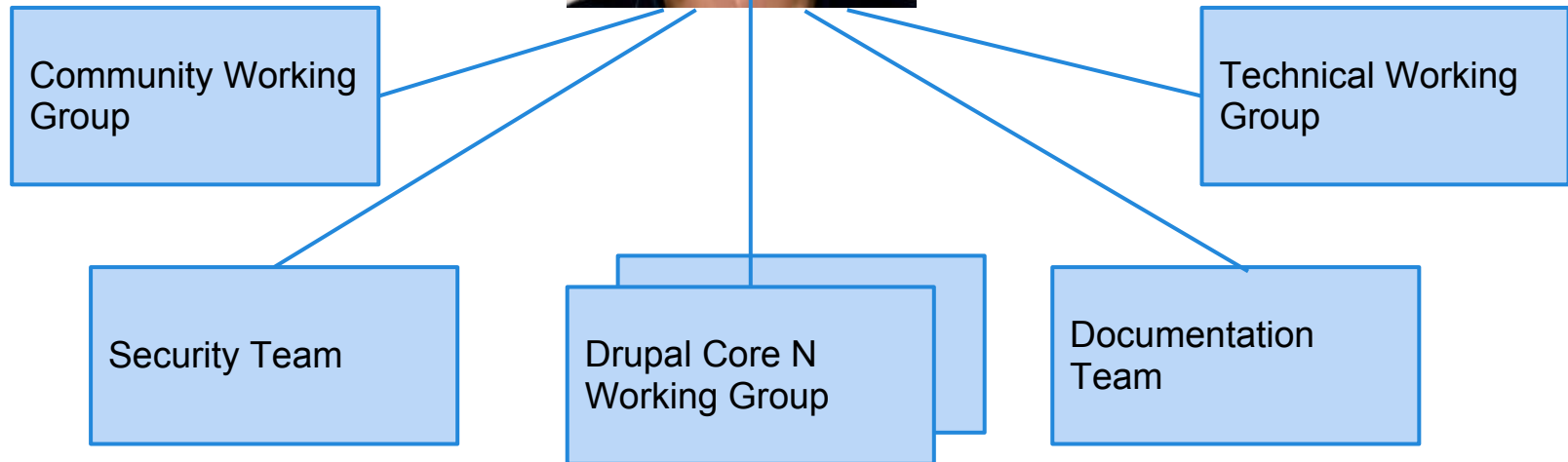
# Governance Overview

Two sides to governance:

- Drupal project
- Drupal.org



# Drupal project



# 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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Community conflicts</li><li>• Code of Conduct</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Git policies</li><li>• Coding standards</li><li>• Project policies</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Security checks of new projects</li><li>• Security coverage policies</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Handbook</li><li>• API docs</li><li>• Tools for docs team</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Technical leadership</li><li>• Initiatives</li><li>• Sprints</li><li>• Project management</li></ul>
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

## Drupal™ Association

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# Drupal.org

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In scope	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Software decisions around LAMP stack</li> <li>• Hardware decisions</li> <li>• Partner w/ software WG on infra implications</li> <li>• Hosting company relationship</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Drupal.org technical roadmap (features)</li> <li>• Technical/strategic decision on major projects</li> <li>• Permissions/roles on Drupal.org</li> <li>• Security of Drupal.org</li> <li>• Freenode relationship</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Marketplace</li> <li>• Front page</li> <li>• Hosting/book listings</li> <li>• Anti-spam policy</li> <li>• Case studies</li> <li>...</li> <li>• Navigation/IA</li> <li>• Header/Footer</li> </ul>
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