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

Date: July 9, 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

Others present:
Rebecca Rumbul (Executive Director)
Paul Lenz (Director of Finance & Funding)
Gracie Gregory (Director of Communications and Marketing)
Abi Broom (Director of Operations)
Joel Marcey (Director of Technology)

Apologies:
Nell Shamrell-Harrington

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 July 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 June 11th 2024, which were circulated to the Board (the "June 11th Minutes").*

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the June 11th Minutes are hereby approved.

3. Executive Team Update

Management

Ms. Rumbul gave the update. The German Sovereign Tech Fund has been approached about funding the Foundation for 2025; a $100k donation had been received from LambdaClass;

The Foundation was continuing to work with the Project around the 10th anniversary of Rust, and an all-hands meeting alongside RustNL's 2025 conference – venue space hopefully will be booked within the next few weeks.

Work was ongoing on: EU CRA Standards; gathering interest from members and the community on working with the Foundation on training and certification; the trademark policy (which had been stalled by counsel's availability, but she is now back in the office); establishing an EU linked entity.

Technology/Infrastructure

Mr. Marcey gave the update. The Safety Critical Consortium had been announced with 9 founding members and over 20 additional requests to join or collaborate. At RustConf, the consortium plans to define a charter and goals, along with a mechanism and process to efficiently add new members to the consortium.

A 5-year agreement with Fastly had been signed for bandwidth and other compute services at zero monetary cost. The Foundation would be promoting their Fast Forward program and Rust's use of it. Additionally, DataDog had been renewed for another year, which would allow usage of Heroku/PaperTrail to be wound down as logging was consolidated.

The technology team had been working to port the security initiative infrastructure into the cloud, specifically Google Cloud Platform (GCP), setting up an active crates mirror where security scans are regularly run with tools like Painter and Typomania and the results are stored in a database that can be queried. Work was also happening on provenance tracking, verifying that a given crate is actually associated with the repository it claims to be, and an RFC for crate deletion.

The Foundation's Rust/C++ interop initiative was now up and running with its lead in post. In his first month in the role he had met with more than a dozen people with a vested interest or expertise in interop, and was starting to plan a proposed interop strategy. Mr. Bergstrom requested that the board (especially the Project Directors) should be kept fully abreast of plans in order to be able to help with public communications around the initiative.

A contractor had been hired to support work on the Rust Specification, and the Foundation's new Infrastructure Engineer was due to start the following week.

Finance & Grants

Mr. Lenz invited questions from the board on the financial report for June and the H1 budget review which had been circulated prior to the meeting. He noted that in the activity classes where there had been clarity at the start of the year, expenditure was on target against budget, and where there was uncertainty at the start of the year, the Foundation now had more clarity and the revised H2 budget reflected that.

The 2024 Fellowship program will open for applications later in July.

Communications & Events

Ms. Gregory gave a recap of recent and upcoming communications output, noting that the marketing and communications team was primarily working on RustConf at present and this left little time for other initiatives.

RustConf had attracted a great deal of sponsor interest, with the Gold tier close to selling out, and ticket sales were also going well. Operational activities for the conference continued to ramp up as the event grew closer, and plans for 2025 were also being developed.

4. Q2 / Q3 Goals

Ms. Rumbul gave an update on the Q2 goals set for the Foundation. She noted that some of them were not yet complete and would be pushed to Q3, as a result of marcomms capacity issues.

She outlined the following goals for Q3:

- Award and onboard 2024 Fellows
- Prepare and deliver RustConf & side events including Rust Global
- Hold in-person board meeting
- Attendance / Speeches at RustConf, Rust Global, OSS Summit Europe, Open Source Congress
- C++/Rust Interop Strategy and Goals Defined
- Foundation-driven malicious crate detection tooling running regularly in the cloud (GCP)
- Project Director elections to the Board

5. Project Director Update

Mr McMurray gave the update:
- Rust 1.79 had been released, with inline constants now stabilized.
- The Types team had put out a roadmap blog post.
- He noted that there may be requests for the Foundation to help facilitate meetings and collaborations around RustConf.

6. Sub-Committee Updates

Whilst no sub-committees had met in the last month:
  ● The People committee was due to convene soon to begin planning the Executive Director's 2024 evaluation. Board members were asked to volunteer if they wanted to be part of the process this year.
  ● The Finance Committee is aiming to institute regular meetings the Thursday before each board meeting.
  ● Mr. Marcey suggested that a meeting of the Technology committee should occur to discuss the C++/Rust interop strategy when initial documentation for that is available.

7. Associate Member Application

The board considered an application for Associate Membership from the University of Bristol, which was accepted.

8. AOB

There was no other business.

9. Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Board at this time, the meeting adjourned at approximately 21:46 UTC.