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Linux-Ottawa May 2022 Meeting

This month Tug Williams and John Nash will lead a discussion on the future of Linux Ottawa and similar volunteer groups and the role of technology in their evolution.

When: 1900 May 5, 2022 Where: Online via jitsi at link on framatalk (framasoft.org)

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https://framatalk.org/3myrenkxm69u1a
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Some questions members might think about before next week's meeting (please save responses for the meeting):

GOALS

* What are the goals of our group? Who is the audience for those goals?

* If the goal is to promote Linux, in what way, and to whom, does

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Linux still need promoting?
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* Do we advocate ONLY open source software? The flurry of interest

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on the mailing list concerning open source meeting tools
has shown there is a lot of energy in this direction, but should
we not be inclusive of people who want to use and promote Linux,
whether or not they also use non-FLOSS tools?
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PROCESS

* How are we going to structure / maintain our organizational presence?

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The AGM returned just 4 Board members. Our quorum to continue operations
is 3, and 2 Board members are in their mid-70s. In another organization
in which one of us is active had two deaths and despite active members
and plenty of money in the bank, a close shave with collapse. Linux-Ottawa
is in such a precarious position.
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* What services (list, meetings, ...) should and can we provide? There has

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been much discussion of how and where in-person meetings might resume,
but as yet no concrete offer to organize one.
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* Are there different ways to keep such services? Example: contract out

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the mailing list and wiki.
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* A volunteer group requires volunteers, not just consumers.

Note: there have been several members who have shown some interest in helping out, and who are considering what they may be able to contribute. Their interest is appreciated, and we hope it will translate into action.

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