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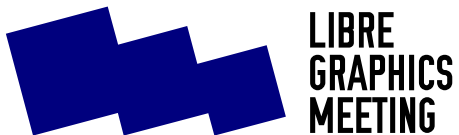
To whom it may concern:

We write to inquire about the possibility of a partnership between the Libre Graphics Meeting and Software in the Public Interest (S. P. I.).

The Libre Graphics Meeting occurs annually and brings together developers and users of free content creation software. Presentations cover such software and its applications to art, science, and other endeavors. It has, to this point, been very loosely organized, with most responsibility, including financial management, falling to volunteers. This has created a number of challenges, in both fundraising and operations. Accordingly, we, the organizers, would like to transfer responsibility for collecting, holding, and disbursing money to a non-profit organization with a compatible mission.

It is our understanding that S. P. I. has a compatible mission and has come to similar arrangements with organizations similar to the Libre Graphics Meeting. We would like, if S. P. I. is amenable, to begin a conversation about how this might work, and we have some questions. We think that we know the answers to some of these, but we want to be sure.

- The Meeting is currently very loosely managed, without a formal board or a comprehensive set of bylaws. Can the appointment of a liaison be by acclamation on the mailing list, or would we need to organize to a higher threshold?
- What rules does S. P. I. have on collections, disbursements, and reimbursements? Are there any countries to which it cannot send money or from which it cannot accept money? Are there any countries from which travel expenses could not be reimbursed?
- Are there any significant problems bypassing American tax withholdings on payments to foreign individuals (not withholding American taxes on payments to individuals not subject to said taxes)?
- So long as all funds are disbursed in accordance with the mission of S. P. I., in which countries are contributions tax-deductible?
- Are there any restrictions on fundraising activities by S. P. I. partners, such as competing for donations against other partners or selling merchandise?



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- Can the partner use the S. P. I. partnership, including supporting branding, to establish credibility in fundraising activities?
- If the Libre Graphics Meeting is able to satisfy the partnership criteria for S. P. I., what are the next steps?

We will hope to hear from you soon.

With gratitude,

The LGM Finance Committee