Website Committee Proposal

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Background

The JCR Website is both an important tool for the JCR and a source of information for potential and current members.

Over the summer, significant work has been put in to fix the consequences of years of neglect and bring in new features, notably the new formal sign-up system. To continue this work is not possible for a sole student who must balance it with their degree and life. It is both useful and important for security that code is peer reviewed. Furthermore, it is vital for future use that knowledge of the inner workings are passed on between the years in a way that has not been done over recent years (if ever).

In addition to fulfilling the needs of the JCR, Website Committee would also offer useful experience for members, particularly for those studying Computer Science. We would be looking for members of all experience levels.

Proposal

That a JCR Website Committee be established and the following amendment to the Standing Orders be made:

At the end of Committees and Job Descriptions insert a new subsection:

Website Committee

4.67.1. The functions of Website Committee are:

    (a) To maintain the JCR Website and related services;

    (b) To advise the JCR on computing matters;

    (c) To manage the JCR G-Suite;

    (d) To aid the development of JCR members' computing skills.

4.67.2. Website Committee is an open committee directed by an executive consisting of:

    (a) The JCR Webmaster

    (b) The JCR Vice-President (Development)

    (c) The JCR Communications Officer

4.67.3. The JCR Webmaster is appointed by the committee executive.

Further details

The JCR VP (Dev) is included due to their responsibilities, in particular: ensuring the legality of JCR publications, formal sign-ups and college parent allocations. Other JCR Exec members would be consulted as required.

Aims for the year would include:

- Updating and redesigning public website pages

- Customisable event sign-ups (like that for the college families event)

- An election system for after DSO independence

- Asset tracking system, particularly for Tech Comm

We would also seek to work with the JCR Exec and other members to get ideas for improvements.

Our poor hardworking website has not had the love and care it deserves. Please end this neglect. A website is for life, not just for Christmas.