

Creating the Annodex Foundation Inc.

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Today's topics

- What is the Annodex Foundation
- Explain steps to incorporation
- Discuss constitution
- Further issues

What is the Annodex Foundation?

- an independent, public-good, non-for-profit organisation
- that creates a community for the open source Annodex technology
- and provides a forum for Annodex technology and content development,
- and takes care of its Trademark and Standards
- and of its Web presence and media content
- and of its relationships to other bodies (e.g. industry, xiph, fluendo, IETF, W3C)

Rules of the Foundation

- all code is open source
- all content is creative commons
- all activity is public
- no adoption of patent-restricted technology
- non-profit, public-good
- online meetings
- virtual organisation

What CSIRO contributes

- Open Specifications and draft standards
- Libraries libannnodex, libcmml etc.
- Apache server plugin, php bindings
- Firefox extension
- Internet Explorer extension
- cmmlwiki
- Annodex Trademark and domains

Status

- Name “Annodex Foundation Inc” was reserved with Department of Fair Trading on the 21st November 2005 and will be reserved until 21st February 2006
- Annodex.org website is available and runs mediawiki (thanks to Conrad)
- First draft of a constitution was created from the Department’s model rules and is available on annodex.org (thanks to Pia & Silvia)
- Member management system is being developed/ installed (thanks to James)
- CSIRO has orally agreed to donate trademark

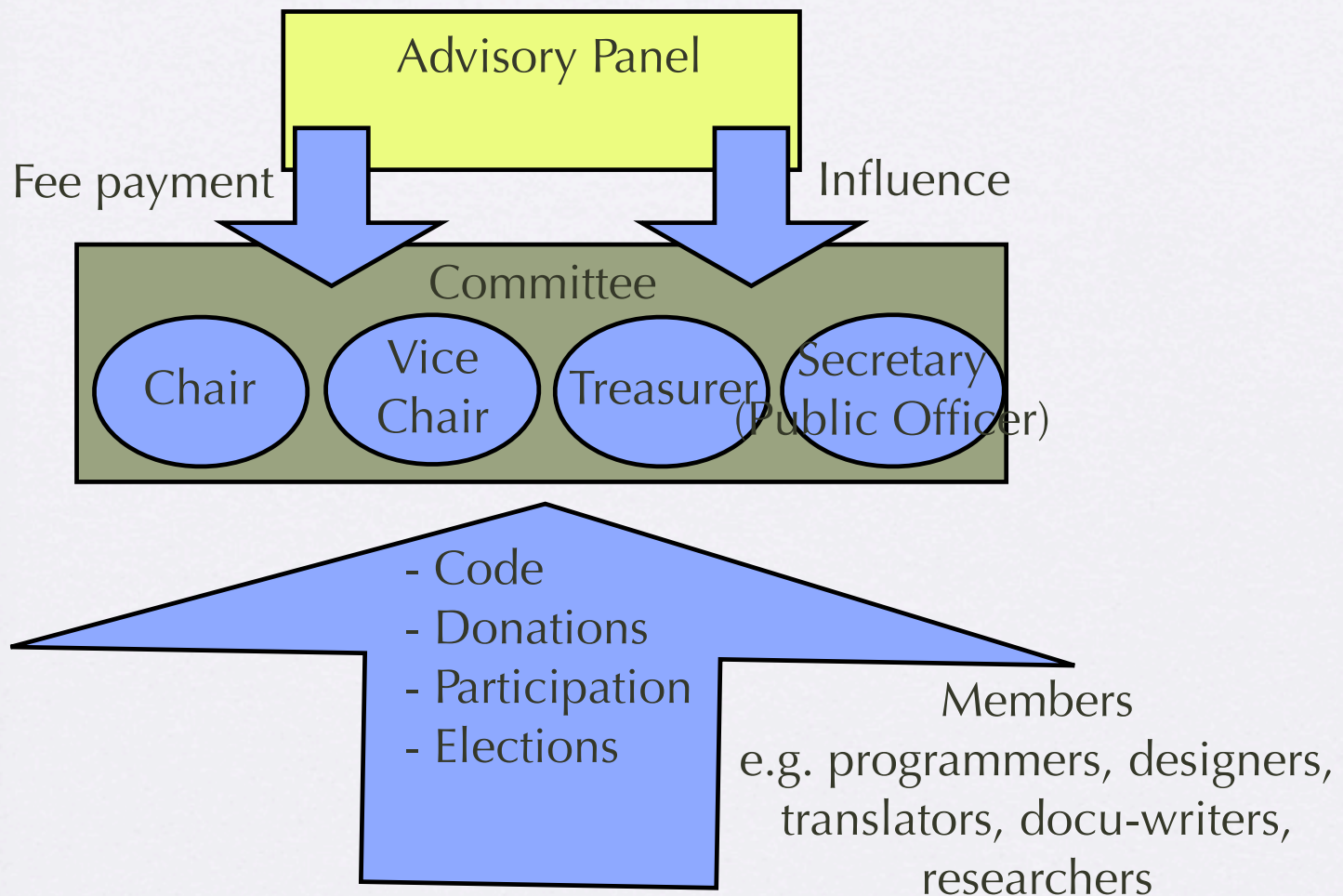
Steps to incorporation

- Fix up constitution after discussion
- Fill in association incorporation application and lodge (Form AP226A.pdf)
- Election & Annual General Meeting
- Work out if we are tax-exempt (Form N7967_ITG2004.pdf) - do we need an ABN?
- Work out if we can gain DGF (deductible gift recipient) status for donations to be tax deductible

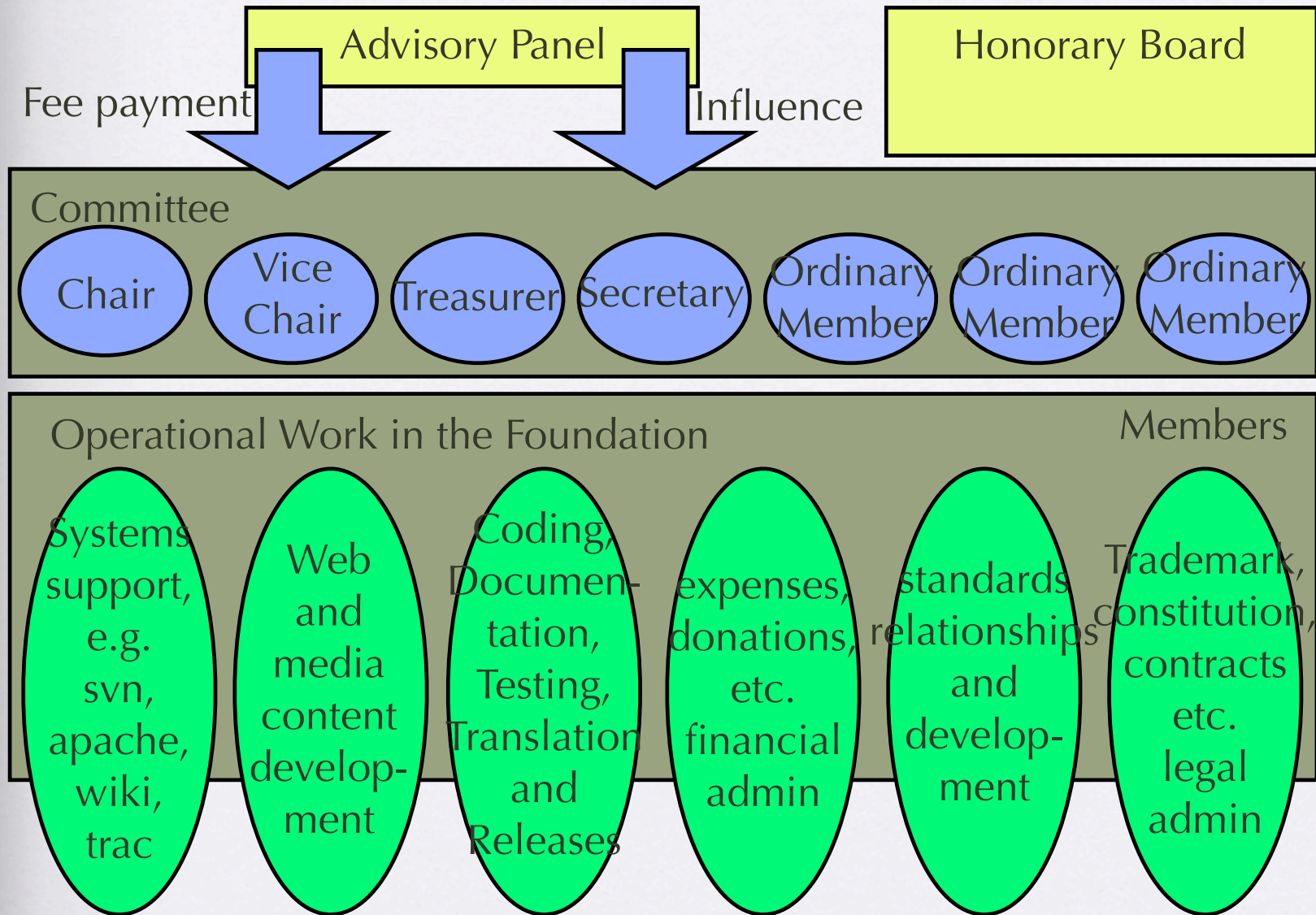
Constitution Issues

- Membership fee (none at the moment) and application procedure (member_db or mailing list; form)
- Election procedure (at AGM at the moment)
- Composition of committee (chair, vice-chair, treasurer, executive secretary, 3 ordinary members)
- Advisory Panel privileges

General Foundation structure



Structure in Detail



Foundation income and expenses

Income:

- Advisory Panel Representation Fee (\geq \$10K)
- Donations & Sponsorship
- potentially: government grants
- potentially: conferences, merchandise, conformance tests, TM

Expenses:

- software development contracts
- Standards involvement
- Legal fees
- potentially paid secretary or director

Further Issues

- When to elect committee?
- How to get Advisory Panel members? Create a flyer?
- Who to get as Honorary Board members?
- Press Release