Who am I?

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What is the PSF?

People

Purpose

Goals
Who is the PSF?

People from many countries
People with diverse backgrounds
People with diverse skills
People who want to bring Python forward
Members

2001: 16 members, 2 sponsor members (at founding)

2012: 204 members, 26 sponsor members

2013: 283 members, 28 sponsor members
What does the PSF do?

- Protects the IP in Python
- Funds conferences & sprints
- Funds Python related projects
- Runs PSF projects
- Advocates use of Python
The PSF's goals

Extend the reach of the PSF

Inclusive PSF membership

• Disadvantaged groups
• The Global South
• Gender diversity
Membership model

Basic members
Supporting members
Sponsor members
Managing members
Contributing members
Fellows
Basic members

Open to anyone, anywhere
No fees to pay
May attend members meetings
No voting rights
Visit https://psfmember.org/
Supporting members

Annual fee (US$99 \approx R1100)

All privileges of Basic Members

Voting Eligibility
Sponsoring members
Organisations/corporations
Annual fee
Delegate eligible to vote
Managing members

- Work 5+ hours/month within the Python ecosystem
- Member of a Work Group
- Voting Eligibility
- Reverts to Basic Membership on inactivity
Contributing members

Work 5+ hours/month advancing the PSF mission

Member of a Work Group

Voting Eligibility

Reverts to Basic Membership on inactivity
Fellows

Nominated for extraordinary impact (under legacy Bylaws)

Voted by PSF members

All privileges of Basic Members

Eligible to vote
Voting members

All non-Basic Member who indicate they wish to vote

Request voting rights each year

Missing 4 votes in a calendar year cancels voting rights for the remainder of the year
Members in 2014

New membership model:

- Basic Members: 2040
- Supporting Members: 52
- Fellows: 216
More goals

Turn the PSF into a community organisation

Allow members to run Work Groups easily with access to PSF resources
Work Groups

Proposed by any member

Authorized by membership vote, or by PSF board

Integrated into PSF as defined by a Work Group charter

May have their own budget
How you can help

Talk to people and provide contacts
Participate in PSF projects
Bring Python forward in your professional setting
Organise local user groups or meetings
... and join the PSF
Contact us

Talk to PSF members
Tell us your ideas
Write an email to psf@python.org
Visit our website at http://python.org/psf/
Thanks to …

The PyCon-ZA organisers
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• all of you for coming to this conference