President's Report for 2014-5
Annual General Meeting
3 March 2015

Welcome to our thirteenth Annual General Meeting, especially to those members who have joined us during the past year.

Sponsorships

Sponsorships, usually by corporations, continue to be an essential source of income to support our funding objectives. Currently, we have eight Platinum, two Gold, two Silver and five Bronze sponsors.

All paid-up sponsors with contributions for the year to date have had the option of taking a full discount of Corporate membership fees for the duration of their sponsorship.
A huge "Thank You" is due to all of our sponsors whose contributions accounted for about 84 per cent of income, and a special thanks to our longer-term sponsors.

Memberships

About 15 per cent of income came from membership subscriptions. We can always do with more members, so I would like to remind you all about the Foundation member logos that paid-up members can display on their websites to encourage site visitors to think about applying for membership. You can pick these logos up from the menus on the Foundation members'web pages (http://www.firebirdsql.org/en/logos/) and link them to our main public page at http://www.firebirdsql.org/en/firebird-foundation/

Committee is always looking for new ideas to increase memberships. Maybe you members could help us to find ideas and discuss ways to set them up after we finish the business of this AGM.

Firebird Documentation funding campaign

The campaign to raise funds to pay for translating the complete Firebird Language Reference manual from Russian to English has been a success, with US$5025 and EUR 2400 in the kitty. Now as reported at the last committee meeting, "Most native speakers in firebird-doc said that the test translation from Russian to English is awful, and suggested to find foreigners with SQL and Russian knowledge for such translation."
At the moment we are seeking a good translator person and a proofreader-editor for the project.

Grants

The Foundation currently makes 10 ongoing grants, totalling approximately $14,600 US dollars per month.

Events

Some facts about the Firebird Conference 2014, which took place on October 24-25, Prague, Czech Republic, Clarion Congress Hotel. There were: 110 attendees, 18

speakers, 23 interesting presentations and, of course, invaluable conversations between sessions.

You can read the report here: http://www.firebirdsql.org/en/firebird-conference-2014/

Conclusion

In concluding, I wish to thank the committee for its efforts during the year to keep things moving along smoothly.

I want to thank all of the subscribing members for their continued support. The income from subscriptions is essential to the continuity of our funding support so we are especially appreciative of those who pay up promptly when renewal is due.

Thank you to all of the sponsors and donors for your generosity.

Above all, thanks to all the code-workers: core developers, QA, platform porters, documentation writers and driver developers, for your dedication and your superbly professional attention to the work that makes Firebird possible.

Philippe Makowski, President
2 March 2015