

Mr. Josh Sokol: I have been involved with OWASP since about 2007, starting out helping the local chapter, and growing into a leadership position, and eventually became the president of the OWASP Austin chapter. I also served as Chair of the Global Chapters Committee, and ran the AppSec U.S.A. 2012 Conference. I have been around the block a fair amount in the OWASP organization and figured it is time for me to run for the OWASP board.

Summary of Community-Submitted Questions and Answers

Question: What is the biggest challenge you see for OWASP?

Answer: Handling the rapid growth that comes with its success. OWASP must choose to evolve with the times and stay relevant; policy must change to invigorate the foundation's relationship with its projects and chapters; their successes will fuel OWASP's success. Projects and chapters need to operate with some level of autonomy to maintain innovation, furthering our core mission of making software security visible.

Question: The mission of OWASP is to make software security visible so that individuals and organizations worldwide can make informed decisions about true software security risks. How do you see OWASP furthering its mission in the next year, and what about in the next five years?

Answer: I am very clear on how to further OWASP's mission. Projects and chapters being our life blood and people their most valuable asset, we need to empower global chapter resources; enable our chapters to become self-sufficient; and help our projects obtain the funding they need to be successful, which will further our mission globally over the next year, five years, and beyond.

Question: If elected, how will you prevent conflicts of interest between OWASP responsibilities and the duties of the organization where you are employed?

Answer: Like the majority of our membership, I am a security practitioner. My company does not have products that compete in security space. They support my participation in OWASP; they have allowed me to speak at security conferences and have hosted monthly OWASP chapter meetings and weekly study groups. I believe my interests are OWASP's interests and reflect the interests of the majority of our membership. I do not believe there are any conflicts of interest between my employer and the OWASP Foundation.

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