

# 2013-03-28 Leadership Call

## Date

28 March 2012

## How To Join

Contact [Unknown User \(jthomas\)](#) for more information on how to join the call.

## In Attendance

## Agenda

- AOB
- WHO SE Asia - Paul
- Funding and Fund Raising - Hamish

## Meeting Minute

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### Attendees

Jamie Thomas  
Michael Downey  
Michael Seaton  
Darius Jazayeri  
Andy Kanter  
Hamish Fraser

### Apologies

Burke Mamlin  
Chris Seebregts

### Agenda

AOB  
WHO SE Asia  
Funding and Fund Raising

### Minutes

- AOB
- Back Office Inc.
  - Spending money should be mentioned here
  - Have an accounting and book keeping firm
  - they are working on setting us up right now
  - they will provide support for taxes
  - GSoC and conference fees will go here
  - we are presumed to be non profit until we here no or yes, so we will not have to pay taxes unless we hear no
  - we can receive tax free donations now as well
  - offically non for profit org in the state of indiana so we are already exempt from sales taxes - <https://wiki.openmrs.org/display/RES/OpenMRS1+Limited>
  - laywer says that we can bank beyond this year with no worries, but want to get it in a formal written form from her
  - Have not spent money at this time but talk about it going towards - support of michael, dev community process/darius
  - Need formalization around operational plan to present to the board - first discussion planned for April 11th
- IRS Update
  - Paul spoke with our lawyer about IRS conversation she had
  - sometimes there orgs that benefit to charitable entities they support so IRS is wanting us to justify and clarify the focus of the non-profit
  - releasing work as open local capacity and "keys to the kingdom" entities could use it but the risk of that happening is very small
  - need formal notice from IRS so we can respond to it, have not received this yet and when we do we will answer this letter as a group
  - Hamish believes that it will be helpful to get letters of support from PIH becasue this is a humanitarian org
  - Paul says the lawyer feels that this will be a fact driven process
  - The fact is that OpenMRS is being used in a charitable fashion
- WHO South Asia
  - Jytosia wanted help implementing in Nepal
  - Paul put Jytosia in touch with IRD and TW
  - Wants OpenMRS Inc. to provide high level implementation consultation services to support approaches and let other implement.
  - Let her know that we are not fully architected to do this yet and she is willing to help us get there.
  - Countries need a blueprint for how to approach an implementation and as a community we want to provide this blueprint to make sure it is a success.

- Want to convey that we are not out there looking for implementation work. That doesn't imply OpenMRS shouldn't take a subcontract to do software development.
- Do not have engineers at this time to do this but can put that on the wishlist
- Funding and Fund Raising
- Road Map Process
  - want to get input from the different lead groups
  - would like to see additions on the Road Map Playground - <https://wiki.openmrs.org/display/projects/Road+Map+Playground>
  - Believe contributing to this road map will help to free up time for leads