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Dear KDE e.V. member,

The fourth quarter of 2005 saw the first meeting of the new board which was elected at Malaga. We met at Mainz for two days and successfully worked through an agenda with no less than 52 topics. Although exhausting, the meeting was very productive and has put the work of the board on a solid base for the near future.

Several important initiatives have been started, including: determining a location for aKademy 2006; finalizing the rules of procedure for e.V. supporting members; and formalizing and electing the Technical Working Group. We believe a foundation is being laid that will prepare the KDE project for the challenges of the KDE 4 release, clearly the dominating topic for the KDE project in 2006.

A highlight for the KDE project in Q4 2005 was the release of KDE 3.5. After nearly three years, we believe this release to be the end of the KDE 3 series. Congratulations, and many thanks to the countless contributors who made this happen.

We are looking forward to an exciting first quarter of 2006.

Signed,  
Eva Brucherseifer <eva@kde.org>  
President  
KDE e.V.

### Status Report

#### The Board Meeting

The board conducted an official board meeting at the city of Mainz in Germany from Dec 04 to Dec 05, 2005. The meeting was very productive as 52 different topics were covered. (The meeting notes are not currently available on the KDE e.V. website. You may find the notes in your email — search for the "Minutes of the Board Meeting, Dec 04/05 in Mainz, Germany" thread.)

Many legal and bureaucratic issues were discussed, from legal issues to rules of procedure to financial topics. As a highlight, an attorney joined the meeting to discuss matters regarding the constitution of KDE e.V. as well as licensing issues with us.

A major step forward will be the preparation of next years KDE conference. The board received a number of suggestions after the "Call for Locations" and a final selection will be made soon.

Please find more information in the meeting notes as referenced above.

The next board meeting will be held in Berlin in early March this year. We would be happy to welcome representatives of the working groups that have been established until then.

#### aKademy Location Selection Process

The membership is in the process of voting for the aKademy 2006 location. Once the location has been finalized, aKademy preparation will go into a concrete planning phase, including a call for papers.

#### Supporting Members

The final draft of articles defining a supporting member is complete. These articles have been presented to the e.V. membership for review and approval. Once approved, the e.V. can begin raising funds from industry participants in a concerted manner.

#### Technical Working Group

The goals of the Technical Working Group are defined in the charter: 'The purpose of the Technical Working Group (TWG) is to define and execute the official software releases of KDE. It should also support and guide the processes of taking technical decisions within the KDE project. It must ensure that the open source development process is kept intact and that the KDE community is involved in all important decisions.'

The [Technical Working Group \(TWG\) charter](#) has been approved. The election of the first Technical Working Group is currently being held from a group of 14 exceptionally qualified candidates. Results of this election will be finalized soon and the TWG should be up and running in February 2006.

### Welcome New Members

In November and December 2005 we added 1 new member giving us a total of 159 members. The new member is Mark Kretschmann.

Welcome to the KDE e.V. Mark!

### Financial Report

A financial report for all of 2005 is being prepared and will be included in the Q1/2006 issue of the quarterly report.

**Donor and sponsorship information can be located on the [supporting KDE website](#).**

#### **Signed The e.V. Board:**

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#### **Errata:**

- Last quarter's issue should have stated that the covered period included the third quarter as well as October 2005.
- This issue covers November-December 2005 only.