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Corporate Statement

The BSD Certification Group Inc. (BSDCG) is a non-profit organization registered in the State of New Jersey, USA. Established in January, 2005, its mission is to create and maintain a global certification standard for system administration on BSD based Unix operating systems, and to assist system administrators and employers in validating competence in the deployment of BSD computer systems.

The BSDCG shall ensure that the certification standard:

- Uses test questions and testing methodologies that adhere to established psychometric methods
- Provides testing candidates with detailed exam objectives
- Provides a verification database accessible to employers and an appeals process for testing candidates
- Where feasible, meets the standards required by accreditation organizations
- Endeavors to provide testing globally, based on local interest, and where feasible, in the primary language of that geographic region
- Solicits the needs, input, and contributions of the BSD community and other interested parties, including employers who hire BSD professionals and companies who use BSD products
- Provides the criteria for becoming a testing center including verification and disciplinary guidelines

What is BSD?

BSD is a family of operating systems based on UC Berkeley Unix. BSD runs some of the busiest sites on the Internet and is renowned for its stability, performance, and security. BSD is also the name of an attractive Open Source license which allows for both commercial and Open Source derivatives. For this reason, BSD networking code is used in many of the most well known software suites including Mac OS X, Microsoft, and Sun.

What is Psychometrics?

Psychometrics is the science of educational testing and measurement. A psychometrician applies various procedures to construct a test that is valid, reliable and fair. Tests with these characteristics are widely perceived as the most credible.

President's Report

2006 proved to be a busy year for the BSD Certification Group Inc. as it progressed from the initial planning stages to the implementation of the various components necessary to a successful certification program.

An experienced psychometrician was contracted to assist in the design of the testing infrastructure and to provide input on the policies needed to follow established testing standards.

Several working groups were formed to concentrate effort on specific stages of development. A development group worked with the psychometrician to plan and implement the database infrastructure. A separate development team led further research into computer based test delivery methods and began work on an initial prototype.

SMEs (Subject Matter Experts) were gathered to create a body of test questions based on the published BSDA Certification Requirements. Under the direction of the psychometrician, work on the test questions began.

The contract for the psychometrician represented the first significant expenditure for the BSD Certification Group. Many thanks are owed to the generosity of the BSD and business communities who responded with donations and sponsorships, allowing the work to proceed.

Several volunteers also donated their time and effort to provide increased exposure and contacts at many conferences and technical events across the globe.

On behalf of the BSD Certification Group, I'd like to thank everyone who has donated their time, expertise, and money to make this effort a success. I look forward to the remainder of 2007 and beyond and for the launch of the BSDA certification exam.

Sincerely,

Dru Lavigne
President, BSD Certification Group Inc.

Major Events of 2006

More details regarding the events summarized here can be found on the News page of the BSD Certification Web site and in the archives for the mailing lists. Each publication from the BSD Certification Group is available for download at the website and is licensed under a Creative Commons license. Everyone is encouraged to read and distribute the publications as well as include the data in their own publications as long as the derived publication meets the licensing guidelines found immediately after the cover page of each document.

January

- BSD Usage Survey Report translated to Mexican Spanish
- Interview on BSD Certification published at NewsForge
- Several members of the BSDCG meet at ShmooCon

February

- Machtelt Garrels joins the BSDCG
- Certification booth at FOSDOM in Brussels, Belgium

March

- BSDCG booth at Cebit in Hannover, Germany
- Non-voting chair establishes process for establishing nomination committee
- Certification talk on BSD Certification at UKUUG Spring Conference in Durham, England
- Certification booth at LinuxDays in Chemnitz, Germany

April

- Certification booth at Linuxworld, Boston

May

- BoF and certification talk at BSDCan in Ottawa, Canada
- Mikel King becomes new acting secretary
- Nominating committee established
- New logo announced
- Certification booth and talk at LinuxTag in Wiesbaden, Germany
- Certification booth at LinuxWorld Brasil

June

- Sandra Dolan, PH.D. announced as psychometrician

July

- Delivery survey made available in English, French, German, Polish, and Brazilian Portuguese
- Certification booth at OSCON in Portland, Oregon

August

- BSDA Study DVD created to assist exam candidates
- Delivery survey expanded to Mexican Spanish

September

- Delivery Survey Report published
- Certification talk on BSD certification in Tallinna, Estonia
- Nominations open for board of directors

October

- Certification talk on BSD certification in Kohtla-Jarve, Estonia
- Certification talk and booth at NYCBSDCon in NYC; meeting of SMEs and psychometrician
- Exam objectives translated to Russian
- Iron Systems becomes first gold sponsor

November

- FreeBSD Foundation becomes bronze sponsor
- Marketbridge Technologies becomes bronze sponsor
- Axel Gruner becomes new voting member
- BSDA exam weightings established by pschometrician and published on website

December

- iXsystems becomes a gold sponsor
- Systemics Poland becomes a bronze sponsor
- “Psychometrics Explained” published on website

Financial Statement

Statement of Financial Position
December 31, 2006

Assets

Cash	$	7,073.35
Accounts Receivable	$	0

Liabilities

Accounts Payable	$	0

Revenues

Individual Donations	$	2,855.00
Corporate Donations/Sponsorships	$	8,149.13
DVD Sales	$	1,160.50
Exam Fees	$	0
Total:	**$**	**12,164.63**

Expenses

Paypal Fees	$	199.57
Psychometric Fees	$	6,605.16
Test Delivery Fees	$	0
Total:	**$**	**6,804.73**

Board of Directors as of December 31, 2006

Dru Lavigne (term expires Jan. 14, 2009)
Jim Brown (term expires Jan. 14, 2009)
Jeremy Reed (term expires Jan. 14, 2008)

Voting Members as of December 31, 2006

Jim Brown, Vice President & Treasurer
Jonathan Drews
Hubert Feyrer
Machtelt Garrels
Axel Gruner
Mikel King, Secretary
Dan Langille
Dru Lavigne, President
Scott Long
Jean M. Melo
Wes Peters
Luiz G. Ramos
Jeremy C. Reed
David Rhodus
Eduardo Ribeiro
John Richard
George Rosamond
Brad Schonhorst
Patrick Tracanelli, Translation Teams Coordinator

Advisory Board as of December 31, 2006

Richard Bejtlich
Mike Karels
Greg Lehey
David Maxwell
Marshall Kirk McKusick

SMEs (Subject Matter Experts) as of December 31, 2006

Jim Brown
Hubert Feyrer
Mikel King
Dan Langille
Dru Lavigne
Brad Schonhorst