

openSUSE Board Forced to Terminate Membership

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Today Pascal Bleser, openSUSE packager and Board member, posted a message to the openSUSE Project mailing list announcing the decision of the openSUSE Board to "revoke an individual's membership as well as his access to the openSUSE infrastructure." The only explanation given was that this member had repeatedly violated the Guiding Principals and rejected any attempts for intervention. The message was so cryptic and secretive that it actually provoked more questions than it originally had intended to answer.

The message stated that the Board has received numerous complaints that a certain member had been violating the Guiding Principals over an extended period of time. Board members had attempted to work with the individual to resolve the conflicts "through discussions and mediation," but had to issue a warning of expulsion. Then in December, complaints continued as that "certain member" continued to violate the Guiding Principals. So, the Board has no choice but to revoke "his" membership and ban him from openSUSE.

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