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COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE BULLETIN

December 2, 2012

What happened this week?

--Consultant Paul Lipscomb met for the first time with the Collective as a whole on Thursday morning.

--Paul also addressed all employees at the All-Staff Meeting on Thursday evening.

Any highlights from these meetings?

--There is one particularly significant piece of news. Paul indicated that as a result of unforeseen prior commitments, the holidays and other scheduling challenges, the timeline for the completion of the restructuring has necessarily moved back to early in 2012 instead of the end of this year as previously expected.

"Comm Comm" was confusing enough; what's up with this "Strat Comm" talk?

--At their November 14 meeting, the Board established a Strategic Planning Committee (or Strat Comm) to develop a formal strategic plan for Free Geek. They will build on relevant planning work that has already been done (e.g., on the Free Geek wiki, in the recently-completed Nonprofit Association of Oregon consultant's report, and in the Town Hall Meeting report). Strat Comm is led by the Board, with Mark Ralston as Chairperson. There are also committee members chosen from the volunteers, bargaining unit and management. Strat Comm's work is independent of the restructuring, and the Communications Committee will probably not report as much about it for that reason.

Sincerely,  
Your Communications Committee

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