

# [python-committers] Transfer of power

**Guido van Rossum** [guido at python.org](mailto:guido@python.org)

*Thu Jul 12 10:57:35 EDT 2018*

- Previous message (by thread): [\[python-committers\] A different way to focus discussions](#)
- Next message (by thread): [\[python-committers\] Transfer of power](#)
- **Messages sorted by:** [\[ date \]](#) [\[ thread \]](#) [\[ subject \]](#) [\[ author \]](#)

---

Now that PEP 572 is done, I don't ever want to have to fight so hard for a PEP and find that so many people despise my decisions.

I would like to remove myself entirely from the decision process. I'll still be there for a while as an ordinary core dev, and I'll still be available to mentor people -- possibly more available. But I'm basically giving myself a permanent vacation from being BDFL, and you all will be on your own.

After all that's eventually going to happen regardless -- there's still that bus lurking around the corner, and I'm not getting younger... (I'll spare you the list of medical issues.)

I am not going to appoint a successor.

So what are you all going to do? Create a democracy? Anarchy? A dictatorship? A federation?

I'm not worried about the day to day decisions in the issue tracker or on GitHub. Very rarely I get asked for an opinion, and usually it's not actually important. So this can just be dealt with as it has always been.

The decisions that most matter are probably

- How are PEPs decided
- How are new core devs inducted

We may be able to write up processes for these things as PEPs (maybe those PEPs will form a kind of constitution). But here's the catch. I'm going to try and let you all (the current committers) figure it out for yourselves.

Note that there's still the CoC -- if you don't like that document your only option might be to leave this group voluntarily. Perhaps there are issues to decide like when should someone be kicked out (this could be banning people from python-dev or python-ideas too, since those are also covered by the CoC).

Finally. A reminder that the archives of this list are public (<https://mail.python.org/pipermail/python-committers/>) although membership is closed (limited to core devs).

I'll still be here, but I'm trying to let you all figure something out for yourselves. I'm tired, and need a very long break.

--

--Guido van Rossum (python.org/~guido)

----- next part -----

An HTML attachment was scrubbed...

URL: <http://mail.python.org/pipermail/python-committers/attachments/20180712/30a41d64/attachment-0001.html>>

- 
- Previous message (by thread): [\[python-committers\] A different way to focus discussions](#)
  - Next message (by thread): [\[python-committers\] Transfer of power](#)
  - **Messages sorted by:** [\[ date \]](#) [\[ thread \]](#) [\[ subject \]](#) [\[ author \]](#)

---

[More information about the python-committers mailing list](#)