

Candidate Manifesto - President (OSM / Joomla Board)

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I have been a Joomla supporter since 2007 - from the era when the community was shaping its identity after Mambo. Joomla was my first CMS, and it gave me my first real understanding of how websites and e-commerce systems can be built with freedom, community effort, and long-term thinking.

Today I am a Symfony engineer and the founder of SmartResponsor - a modern, production-grade ecosystem built around clear architecture, reliability, and disciplined engineering. Over the years, my focus has shifted from "building features" to making decisions that improve outcomes: choosing the right priorities, reducing complexity, protecting quality, and keeping teams aligned.

Why I am running

Joomla is not just a CMS - it is a long-lived open-source institution. In such systems, the most valuable resource is not code, but trust: trust in leadership decisions, trust in continuity, and trust that the project is moving forward with clarity. I am running for President to contribute strong decision-making, vision, and pragmatic execution - without politics, without noise, and without confusion.

My priorities as President

1) Vision-driven decisions with real execution

A vision is useless without delivery. I will focus on decision-making that produces clear, measurable outcomes and reduces uncertainty for the community.

2) Trust through transparency and communication

Regular, predictable communication is the simplest way to rebuild and maintain trust. I will push for clear public updates, clear ownership of initiatives, and clearer explanations behind decisions.

3) Community energy, not bureaucracy

Open source grows when contributors feel their time matters. I will work to reduce friction for volunteers and make contribution paths more understandable, welcoming, and effective.

First 30 / 60 / 90 days plan

First 30 days

- Listen-first onboarding: structured meetings with current board members and key teams
- Review ongoing initiatives and identify blockers, duplication, and stalled items
- Publish a short "What's happening now" summary for the community

First 60 days

- Produce a clear 6-12 month focus map: top priorities, risks, and dependencies
- Establish a simple cadence for public status updates and decision summaries
- Create a lightweight structure for community feedback on key decisions

First 90 days

- Deliver the first visible improvements: process clarity, predictable updates, and measurable progress
- Support teams with aligned priorities and reduce uncertainty and rework
- Publish "results so far" with next milestones and accountability

Availability and conflicts of interest

I am available to serve and will dedicate consistent weekly time to this role. I have no conflicts of interest and will act in the best interest of Joomla and Open Source Matters.

Thank you for considering my candidacy.

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