# ArduPilot Partners Funding Committee

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The ArduPilot funding committee, consisting of 3 elected members, is to be governed by the following guidelines.

- regularly evaluate funding proposals that are made via http://discuss.ardupilot.org/c/proposals
- for a proposal amounting to a total of less than US$2k for the next 12 months the committee could approve funding directly without having to seek further approval from the rest of the team.
- for amounts greater than US$2k the committee would put their recommendation for funding to the whole team via the ardupilot-dev-team mailing list for a vote.
- aspire to evaluate a proposal and come to a determination within 3 weeks of its creation.
- the committee would (at their discretion) be able to seek opinion from others on a funding proposal. The views of those non-committee members would not be binding on the committee, but could be used to help them evaluate proposals. For example, on a proposal involving hardware design they may seek assistance from someone with appropriate hardware knowledge.
- if a proposal involves funding that personally benefits a member of the committee then that committee member must recuse themselves from any voting on the proposal inside the committee, and if the proposal is accepted by the remaining committee members then it must also go for a vote by the whole dev team, regardless of the monetary size of the proposal. This is to prevent possible conflicts of interest.
- On a general vote that involves personal benefits to a dev team member, that team member must excuse himself from the general voting procedure, and his vote will be discarded if casted.
- help maintain the proposals section of the discourse server
- The committee should strive to attend the monthly partners calls and should take into consideration the views of the partners when evaluating proposals. The views of partners are not binding on the committee.
- The committee will oversee the partners onboarding and control the renewal process, and should maintain an updated list of the current status of the partners contributions.

# Committee Membership

The committee is elected yearly, with votes on the ardupilot-dev-team mailing list. Nominations would be made via the mailing list. If there are only 3 nominations then those 3 would be immediately elected, with confirmation by a team vote. If there are more than 3 nominations then the 3 with the highest number of votes would be elected. Each person on the dev team could cast up to 3 votes (the 3 votes must be for 3 different people).

Committee applicant should belong to the dev team. Dev team member working at partners companies are eligible. The committee application is limited at one person from each partner.

Committee members can resign at any time (eg. if they don't have time). In that case we would call for a new committee member on the ardupilot-dev-team mailing list and hold an election for the spot that has opened up. The duration of this new member tenure will end at the next voting cycle of the funding committee.

The committee primary means of contact and communication with the team is with  the Funding committee mailing list at https://groups.google.com/forum/#!forum/ardupilot-funding, but its members can choose to have any other alternative way to communicate amongst themselves, provided that any decision is then publicized on the mailing list.


# Voting on Proposals

For situations where a team vote is needed on a funding proposal the vote would be a yes/no and would be a majority vote (not a veto style vote).
The organisation of discussions and voting within the committee is at the discretion of the committee members.