

ISC Council Meeting - March 17, 2026

Roll call: Julien Jomier, Matt McCormick, Bradley Lowekamp, Dženan Zukić, Andras Lasso

Committee Reports

Algora Initiative

- There has been no response from NumFOCUS or Algora regarding previous inquiries.
- The council agreed this platform is less relevant in the current "Agentic Engineering Era," as the project currently has a higher need for patch review rather than patch creation.
- **Decision:** Abandon the Algora initiative for now.

Insights into Images Book & Anthropic Class Action

- NumFOCUS has officially submitted the Anthropic Class Action Claim on behalf of the consortium, successfully meeting the March 30, 2026 deadline.

NumFOCUS Updates

- **Strategic Planning:** Executive Director Rachel Kerestes initiated a 2026 strategic planning process, sending a survey for community input. The process will stress-test the organization's vision/mission, refine the business model, and evaluate staffing.
- **Organizational Restructure:** To return to solid financial ground, the Board of Directors approved a strictly balanced budget for 2026. This realistic budgeting approach unfortunately required reducing the size of the NumFOCUS team.
- **b.o.s.s. Town Hall Series:** Launching the "Best of Open Source Software" quarterly, sponsor-led webinar series.
 - The inaugural session, "*Marketing: Your Soft Power for Your Project*" (in partnership with Anaconda), is scheduled for Thursday, March 26, 2026.

New Business

Agentic Engineering

- The council discussed the integration and management of AI agents in project workflows, covering:
 - Bot accounts and automated maintenance skills.
 - GitHub Agentic Workflows, including Copilot Issue Assignment and Copilot Review.
 - Necessary documentation updates for both [AGENTS.md](#) and [CONTRIBUTING.md](#).
 - The council decided to enable Greptile on the ITK repository to help reviewers and gather feedback.

ITK 6.0 Release

- ITK 6.0 Beta 2 is now out.
- The next planned milestone is Release Candidate 1 (RC 1).