Mr. Jason Li: I’m a managing consultant for Aspect Security. I’ve been involved in OWASP for a couple of years. I served as chair of the Global Projects Committee; was one of the co-authors of the AntiSamy project; co-authored the Code of Conduct for Certifying Bodies; was one of the main organizers for the 2011 OWASP summit; a general OWASP leaders worker. I try to work on issues I think are important and try to contribute back to the community.

Summary of Community-Submitted Questions and Answers

Question: What is the biggest challenge you see for OWASP?

Answer: To act as an organization in a relevant way; to deal with issues like organizational governance, personal conduct policies, and appropriately recognizing community members and contributors; to work on more pragmatic solutions to our issues; and to take the time to thoroughly review proposals for potential historical complexities. Balancing these concerns and bringing a moderate, measured viewpoint is what I personally want to bring to the board.

Question: The mission of OWASP is to make software security visible so that individuals and organizations worldwide can make informed decisions about true software security risks. How do you see OWASP furthering its mission in the next year, and what about in the next five years?

Answer: By continuing the developer outreach we have begun; and, because it is one of OWASP’s most valuable resources, making the overhaul of its website a top priority, making application and software security visible and easy to find. Items like meeting minutes, project release notes and organizational details should be moved into more appropriate platforms. In five years, I hope to see OWASP as the primary resource for information, and the OWASP wiki as really just an application and security knowledge base, and the go-to resource for AppSec.

Question: If elected, how will you prevent conflicts of interest between OWASP responsibilities and the duties of the organization where you are employed?

Answer: Wearing my OWASP hat, I take my responsibilities very seriously, speak and make choices based on what I genuinely feel is in its best interests, and separate it from my professional activities. I think I personally have gone above and beyond that historically. I have a supportive employer, and will commit to ensuring any time and effort spent towards OWASP is done on my personal time, even if it is a vacation day; whatever it takes to
avoid any thought of conflict of interest.

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