

Mr. Michael Coates: I have been a long-time member of OWASP and have been involved in global summits, was on the membership committee for two years, and was chairperson of OWASP's board for two years. I currently run the security department at Mozilla. With my extensive experience working with defending, attacking, consulting, working with government systems, banks, and social engineering, I believe I have a lot to offer OWASP.

### **Summary of Community-Submitted Questions and Answers**

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

**Answer:** Continuing to fight the security battle that is OWASP's mission, especially with a world moving toward wearable devices; building an OWASP platform making it easier for the community of volunteers around the world to participate on their own schedules without affecting their work lives; by incentivizing, recognizing and rewarding individuals who assist OWASP with its mission.

**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 building systems that scale; by that, I mean creating the OWASP platform I just mentioned, which would provide the foundation and its employees with a scaffolding for access, conferences, and exposure in different government industries. Short-term, we should work on growth; on more government impact by working with the right parties in D.C., parts of Europe and Asia; shaping and influencing legislation; integrating into the startups to assist them with setting up and building from the beginning. In five years, by having entities around the world pulling in new individuals via the OWASP platform described previously.

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

**Answer:** Working for Mozilla, an open-source nonprofit, the odds of conflict are small. In general, by developing a full conflict-of-interest policy; conducting due diligence by creating a best-practices document for non-profit board members and requiring them to read and acknowledge it; by maintaining transparency; stating a potential conflict and then abstaining from voting on the issue.

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