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***Supporting  
Community***

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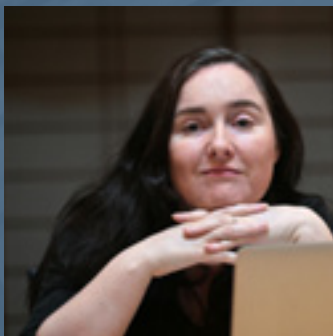


**The Perl Foundation**

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*The Perl Foundation is a business alias for The Yet Another Society, a 501-c-3 charitable organization, incorporated in the state of Michigan.*



## President's Message

This has been a great year for The Perl Foundation. Thanks to the generosity of our donors and corporate partners, the commitment of our volunteers, and the vitality and energy of our community, we have been able to continue in our mission to advance the Perl programming language.

As you know, TPF depends on donations, both of time and money, to operate. These donations have made it possible for us to provide financial support to key developers of Perl 5 and Perl 6, to continue our efforts in protecting our trademark, and to support many community programs.

One of the pillars of Perl is its community. We recently launched an initiative, the Community Advocacy Committee, targeting the growth and health of the Perl community. With the help of this committee we plan to not only improve communication within our own community but to expand our links with other F/OSS communities.

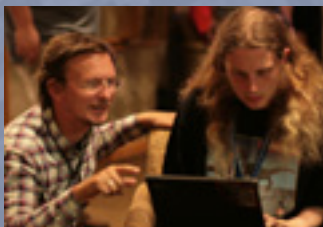
This year has been one pointing to a great future for Perl and those who use it. As we approach the 25th anniversary of Perl I am looking forward to continued growth and success, with your help, in the upcoming year.

A handwritten signature in white ink that reads "Karen".



**Perl conferences** are a great influence on the community at large. Conferences foster ingenuity in ways that online communication never could. They act as the catalyst of great innovation in Perl, bringing people together to forge the next great idea that helps us all. They also protect the future of Perl by providing an entryway for new members into the community.

In 2012 TPF supported several extraordinary Perl conferences. First, the Orlando Perl Mongers brought us Perl Oasis. Then the DC and Baltimore Perl Mongers hosted an all-American Perl Workshop. Finally, the Madison Perl Mongers gave us an over-the-top YAPC::NA.



The Austin team is excited to try and build on last year's YAPC success, with that extra Texas twist! YAPC::NA::2013 will be earlier in June (3rd – 7th) to help ensure that the hot Austin summer does not bake all the Perl mongers. Austin.PM hopes to see the entire Perl family at the University of Texas in June of 2013.

Heath Bair  
*Conferences Chairman*

TPF provides continuity of service and infrastructure for YAPC. Government filings, taxes, bank accounts, domain management, insurance, and more are handled so organizers can focus on the conference. Most importantly, TPF provides a security blanket for the organizers in case anything goes wrong.

JT Smith  
*2012 YAPC Organizer*



#### **YAPC::NA 2012**

June 13 – 15 ♦ Madison, WI  
32 sponsors  
400 attended

#### **YAPC::NA 2013**

June 3 – 7 ♦ Austin, TX  
Get your spot now!  
We maxed out in 2012



**The Perl community** can be seen as three intertwined elements: online, events, and local groups. The online communities offer a way for Perl programmers to “belong” while also providing a technical resource for help, and a platform to help others. Internet Relay Chat (IRC), the PerlMonks website, and the constantly growing Perl Mongers group on LinkedIn are just three examples.

The LinkedIn group, the newest online community, already has over 7000 members and grows at a rate of about ten a week. It includes programmers, managers, and recruiters—offering opportunities for all three.

The critical Perl community event is YAPC. Whether in North America, Europe, Japan or Brazil, it is the core of community vitality. The Perl Foundation provides support for organizers of YAPC::NA and assistance to the others.

The Perl Mongers groups are autonomous, local groups focusing on Perl. These groups offer an in-person experience, and foster energy for new projects. The Perl Foundation supports all three elements with an initiative on community health and growth: the Community Advocacy Committee. The committee is developing channels of communication among the various groups, our corporate partners, and the foundation to ensure the vitality of the community into the future.

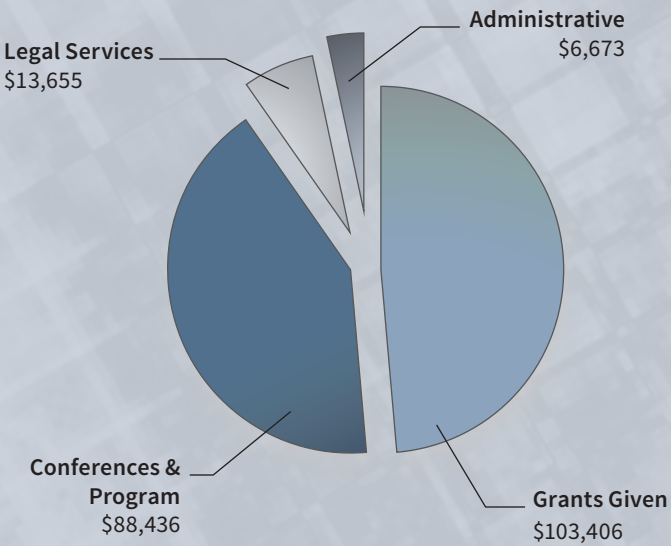
Ya’akov Sloman  
*Community Advocacy Chairman*

The Perl Foundation is happy to announce support of YAPC in Australia. Traditionally held, as a part of other events, YAPC::AU will be making it’s debut as it’s own event and is tentatively scheduled for late 2013.





## Yearly Expenses\*



\*Nov 2011 - Oct 2012

## Treasurer's Report

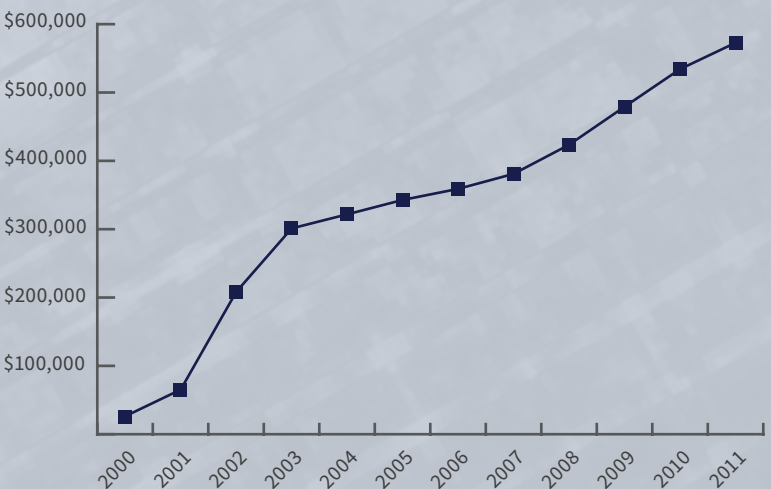
This has been a great year for The Perl Foundation. Thanks to your support, the Foundation was able to pay over \$100,000 in grants for the betterment of Perl, support three conferences, promote Perl at open-source events, and protect the Perl trademark world-wide.

Because our leadership are volunteers who often contribute expenses out of their own pockets, we are able to support Perl with an amazing level of efficiency. At least 94 cents out of every dollar you give to TPF directly supports the program expenses of the organization.

2012 brought several efficiency improvements to the foundation: We have made changes to our internal accounting practices, refined our donation platform, and enhanced our wire transfer system for grant recipients. These new processes allow more of each donation to go directly towards the support of Perl.

Dan Wright  
*Treasurer*

## TPF Lifetime Grants Awarded



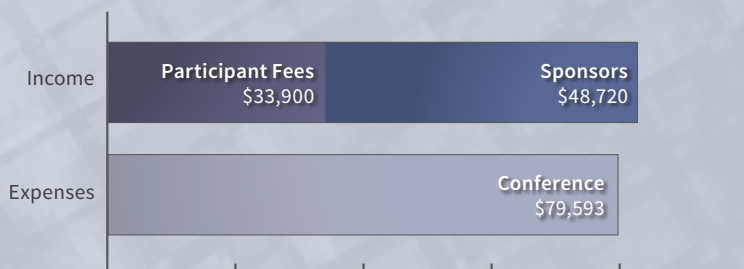
Grants provided via TPF have been absolutely key to the continued development and maturation of Perl 6. Nearly all of the major milestones in Perl 6 and Rakudo development achieved over the past four years have been supported by these grants. The grants also provide a framework for publishing the results of our work in blogs, conferences, and other forums around the world.

Patrick Michaud  
*Ian Hague Grant Recipient*

## 2012 Grants Given

Ian Hague Grants	\$ 6,120
Perl 5 Core	\$ 94,786
Traditional Grants	\$ 2,500
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 103,406</b>

YAPC 2012:  
An example of excellent financial stewardship



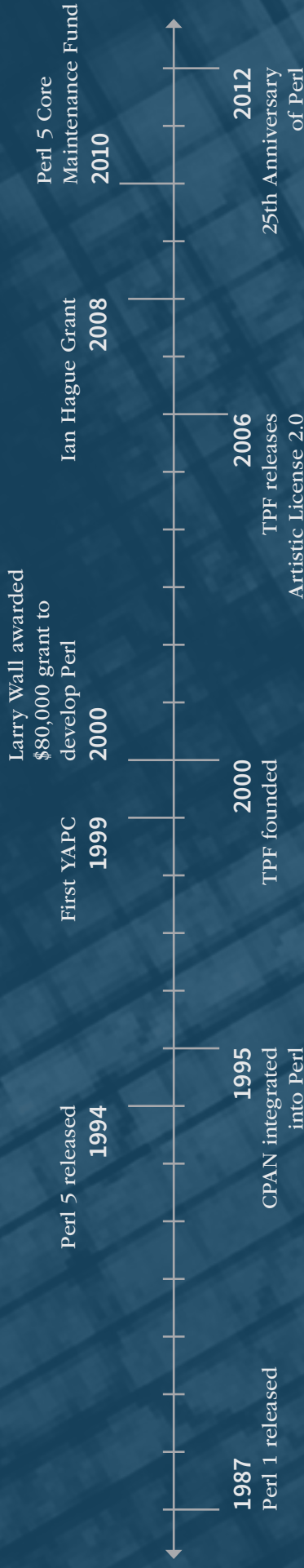
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There is more than one way to do it...  
*our way just keeps getting better.*



*Your continued support of TPF  
ensures Perl for years to come.*

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