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Swarm Council Candidate:
Zachary K. Perryman

- Zak is a tax attorney based in San Francisco, California. Zak specializes in advising technology companies on structuring their international operating models as well as complex intellectual property transactions. Zak holds a bachelor of arts in political science from the University of Vermont and two law degrees from the University of North Carolina and New York Universityrespectively.

- Zak purchased his first Bitcoin in 2015 and has been a crypto enthusiast ever since.

- Zak acquired his first SWM tokens in November 2017 on EtherDelta which was the only exchange where SWM tokens could be acquired at that time (one had to search by the token contract address to find the tokens as they were not officially listed). Zak has never sold any of his SWM tokens. Zak joined the Swarm Telegram community the same month he acquired his first tokens and became a staunch supporter of the project. Through his activism on Telegram Zak got to meet and know many members of the Swarm team. Zak's involvement with Swarm evolved from being an avid Telegram supporter into becoming an advisor to the Swarm team in 2018. Since joining Swarm as an advisor Zak has provided guidance to the team on issues such as developing the Swarm operating model and governance, among others.

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Swarm Council Candidate:
Sam Stone

- Sam launched his first venture at age 19, a private mathematics tuition college in Sydney. After completing a Bachelor of Commerce (Finance) at UNSW, he worked as a futures broker, then co-founded a tech startup in the leadup to the 2000 dot-com boom. After some years backpacking, Sam returned to the workforce in 2005 consulting for UNOPS in Afghanistan, successfully implementing the first Afghan parliamentary election. He then completed a Master of International Public Health at Sydney University, then settled into a 10-year career as Digital Director for an Australian advertising agency. In this time, Sam developed a passion for disrupting traditional industries, co-founding a social shipping service with Swarm colleague Alexander Lieders.

- In early 2017 Sam became interested in blockchain technology, and after helping Swarm promote their public token offering in Oct'17, he continued to be involved with Swarm. Sam's role has evolved over time with to focus mainly on product and business development, but he also dabbles in communications efforts for the project and can often be found lurking in the Swarm Telegram group.

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Swarm Council Candidate:
Richard Steward

- Rich is an accountant based in London, UK. He has worked as a consultant, covering accounting systems integrations, tax, financial reporting and audit/assurance. Since 2013, Rich has been focussed almost entirely in the area of e-money/payment services institutions.
- Within crypto, Rich was involved with the application for regulation of a tier 1 digital assets exchange in Europe and the US, preparing underlying financial information for audit, including educating the big 4 audit team on blockchain transactions and their flow within accounts and problem areas. Further, Rich has worked with Ripple from an early stage, as it relates to the Ripple Gateway program and the xRapid/xCurrent payments platform.
- Rich became involved with Swarm, working with MercuryFX, an e-money FX broker/payment firm, to help design safeguarding and FIAT on/off-ramp processes.
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