

This is a timeline of relevant events occurring with respect to the boost.org domain name, with supporting documents.

May 1, 1998

Beman Dawes registers the domain boost.org with Network Solutions.

December 1, 2020

Beman Dawes, a co-founder of the Boost C++ Library collection, passes away.

June 15, 2022

Through Boost Foundation inaction, the boost.org domain expires and the site goes down. Boost Foundation convinces the registrar (Network Solutions) to renew through April 2025

February 12, 2024

David Sankel privately reveals unreasonable preconditions for launching the new Boost website developed by The C++ Alliance:

1. Transferring ownership of the cloud instance running the new website and mailing list upgrade to Boost Foundation.
2. Performing a copyright assignment of all the digital assets used on the website to the Boost Foundation.
3. Commitment of ongoing donations to Boost Foundation for the costs of hosting the new website.

February 23, 2024

The C++ Alliance, upon Peter Dimov's advice and with Vinnie Falco in opposition, publishes the new website on boost.io to allow users to report problems and experience the site, without disrupting the existing boost.org site.

David Sankel states on the public mailing list: “boost.io is an illegitimate imposter boost.org site and should be taken down or, at the very least, clearly state that it is *not* the official boost website.”

<https://lists.boost.org/Archives/boost/2024/02/255995.php>

February 23, 2024

David Sankel states on the public mailing list: “I agree that Boost is in dire need of a website, but working with Vinnie is not a safe way to get it. We can easily hire a consultant to do a refresh. Vinnie's intent to Pwn boost is transparent now and it would be a terrible thing for Boost were it to pass.”

<https://lists.boost.org/Archives/boost/2024/02/255998.php>

March 8, 2024

A C++ Alliance-contracted investigation firm discovers that the Beman Estate owns the boost.org domain, not the Boost Foundation.

March 28, 2024

Boost Foundation votes to point boost.org to the new website. Almost half the board voted against it. Kristen Shaker called me to explain, among other things, that one of the requirements to publish the website is that C++ Alliance provides a complete clone of the website hosted in its own cloud instance owned by Boost Foundation “just in case”, and paid for by C++ Alliance.

April 10, 2024

Jon Kalb, a board member of The C++ Alliance who has also had some contact with Sonda Dawes (the surviving spouse of Beman Dawes and executor of the Beman estate), reaches out to make initial contact to her, for the purpose of negotiating a domain name purchase agreement.

This transaction is legal, ethical, fair, and in the best interests of the Boost Libraries. It is also best for The C++ Alliance as this protects their considerable Boost contributions from David Sankel's unreasonable demands.

April 12, 2024

Sonda receives a letter discussing the purchase of the boost.org domain:

<https://cppalliance.org/pdf/Sonda-Letter.pdf>

June 6, 2024

The C++ Alliance counsel sends this domain purchase agreement to Sonda's lawyer:

<https://cppalliance.org/pdf/Domain-Name-Purchase-Agreement.pdf>

June 11, 2024

Vinnie Falco reaches out to the Boost Foundation chairman Kristen Shaker to ask for the credentials for the EasyDNS account which holds the boost.org domain. This was requested by Sonda's lawyer.

June 13, 2024

The C++ Alliance sends a letter to Sonda's lawyer:

<https://cppalliance.org/pdf/Letter-To-Dawes-Counsel.pdf>