

Witness Pledge

I, **Fabien Marino**, wish to become accepted as a witness on the Obyte network.

My witness address is **FAB6TH7IRAVHDLK2AAWY5YBE6CEBUACF**

Herewith I pledge to run my Obyte node 24/7 and have it consistently issue new units from my witness address.

I understand what important role witnesses play in ordering of transactions and pledge to issue new units only serially, i.e. such that each my subsequent unit references my previous unit through parent-child links on the DAG, directly or indirectly. I'm going to ensure this by running only the software downloaded from the official Obyte repository <https://github.com/Obyte/Obyte-witness> without any modifications.

I understand that in case the private keys of my Obyte node are stolen, unauthorized persons will be able to post units on behalf of my witness address and break the sequence of units issued by my witness address, which jeopardizes the security of Obyte network, and I pledge to properly secure the private keys of my node.

I understand that destruction of my node and its private keys can impact proper operation of Obyte network and if too many witnesses go dark at the same time, new transactions will stop being confirmed, and I pledge to back up the private keys of my node and keep the backups in a secure place where they are safe from loss and theft.

I understand that although witnesses don't get to decide about acceptance or non-acceptance of individual transactions and the sole criterion for their acceptance is their validity according to protocol rules, witnesses still have to make decisions about changing their own witness lists, and I pledge to make changes to my witness list only as I feel is best for the Obyte network, only when I'm confident that the new witness properly understands the role of a witness and is going to follow the same rules while being in some way better than the witness being removed from the list.

I understand that I may lose trust of Obyte community in the future or just better (than me) witness candidates may come along who have, for example, more to lose in case of misbehavior, or are better known or more trusted by the community, and if I feel that it is the case, I pledge to voluntarily remove my address from my witness list and publicly support a better candidate.