



OSGeo Oceania - November Board meeting agenda/minutes

Fri 22 Nov 2024

Online via Google Meet

Present:

- Elisa
- Renee
- Dorothy
- Alex
- Rafael
- Ewen
- Graeme Fitzpatrick

Apologies:

- Jonah

Alteration:

The approved version of the minutes included an inaccuracy. The number of candidates for directorship was six, not five as noted. One candidate's submission failed to be delivered to the returning officer due to a miscommunication which was discovered only after this meeting. This message has been provided to all current directors.

Ewen Hill 2024-12-02

Agenda/minutes

FOSS4G SotM Oceania 2024

- Summary and Review:
 - Profit made- approx. \$55,000 surplus; waiting on OSMF invoice to pay OO;
 - Lessons learned for 2025 - ESRI sponsorship discussion to be addressed
 - Suggested two different approaches to this controversial topic
 - Incredible sponsorship support and good attendance

OSGeo Oceania election updates

- 5 candidates have been nominated and completed all the requirements

- 1 candidate withdrew and 2 have not responded to follow up emails
- With all the candidates accepted there will be a new board of 8 people.
- Do we want to nominate a 9th one? (the constitution allows it)

Motion 1:

The board congratulates Ponciano (Ponsy) da Costa de Jesus for his outstanding work as the returning officer for the Board Elections and the Board Chair writes to Mr Ponsy thanking him.

Moved: Ewen Hill
 Secunder: Elisa Puccioni
 Motion: Carried unanimously

- Alex suggests that we accept Renee's recommendation to make more time between the conference and the nomination cutoff.
- It's suggested that we provide financial support to cover the costs of applying for director ID.
- Ewen stated that he will not support Motion 2, and if the motion fails, suggests that we pursue a process to help the 2-3 nominees who don't have a Director ID application to start the process, and then run elections.

Motion 2:

The board accepts the decision of the returning officer and that the five candidates that provided correct documentation are declared elected to the board.

Moved: Elisa Puccioni
 Secunder: Dorothy Pion
 Agree: Eli, Renee, Rafael
 Disagree: Alex, Dorothy
 Abstain: Ewen

Motion: The motion carried with three in favour and two against with one abstain by a ballot vote.

- Renee asked how long it took non Australian board members to obtain their director ID:
 - Dorothy applied in November, was queried about her address, and sent updated information and received the ID in March.
 - Eli submitted hers, and received it a few months later after no questions.
 - Rafael sent his, and they lost it, and resubmitted and then needed to submit again. (Three times in total.) The third time he posted from Australia, and two weeks later got his ID.

Alex suggests that Eli writes to the three candidates who were unable to meet the requirements of applying for a Director ID and offers to reimburse them for costs of applying for Director IDs. To apologise to them for their missing out on the Board positions and encouraging them to apply to join the Board next year with their DIDs.

Other decisions/news:

- OSM SIG revival - Graeme
 - New email addresses to be created - can OO do it?
 - Yes - see below
 - New members discussion: should they become OO members or just OSM SIG members?

- Alex suggests to create a OSM Oceania brand under the OO umbrella (as OO is already a registered company with directors; reducing the need for OMS Oceania to create another company and their own board etc)
- Should delegate someone to research the business name, as a representation of OO; there is a substantial cost to set up a separate entity/company - fees; accounting costs; bank accounts etc; however this could happen in the future if that's the direction the group would like to go.
- Google drive and email can be set straight away for it
- **Webpage**
 - A basic beginners web page being developed
- **Stats**
 - New code developed to review Oceania/Timor Leste OSM editing
 - Around 1m changesets for the Oceania/Timor Leste area which we reviewed 815,000 changesets
 - 2,200 separate editors with around 1,111 having a high probability of being based in our region.
 - 267 OSM editors based in Oceania have exceeded the 42 day OSMF free membership limit in the last year
 - A lot of countries have exceeding little edits and no discernable local editors
 - Ongoing monitoring and baselining will continue into the new year to obtain metrics
 - OSM SIG Google Drive re-instated and access provided
 - 222,000 changesets generated by users probably based in Oceania (> 40% of edits within the region)...

name	changesets	% Oceania
Australia	160,726	72.3
New Zealand	46,039	20.7
Papua New Guinea	7535	3.4
Timor-Leste	2066	0.9
Fiji	1295	0.6
New Caledonia	812	0.4
Samoa	676	0.3
French Polynesia	663	0.3
Guam	641	0.3
Solomon Islands	594	0.3
Vanuatu	480	0.2
Micronesia	289	0.1
Tonga	257	0.1
Kiribati	84	0.0
Wallis and Futuna	78	0.0
Marshall Islands	55	0.0
Palau	36	0.0

Northern Mariana Islands	32	0.0
Cook Islands	24	0.0
American Samoa	21	0.0
Norfolk Island	12	0.0
Tokelau	9	0.0
Niue	5	0.0
Nauru	4	0.0
Pitcairn Island	4	0.0

- Simon Nitz's participation to PGRSC Conference
 - All set to go
 - Simon will promote OO and Foss4g 2025 in lightning talks
 - We could have sent a banner too but not much time to organise, hopefully Simon will have with him some foss25 merchandise
 - Simon will also run a workshop on QGIS, to increase the presence of OS at the conference
 - We agree for 2k AUD grant to cover his expenses
- Sponsor the PGRSC conference
 - We agree for 3k AUD sponsorship and the PGRSC committee has given us the bronze package at discount price, which include a bit of visibility and marketing and Simon's registration
 - All paid and done
- Ewen: Timing of AKL25
 - Metallica and Suicidal Tendencies play on Nov 19th in an Auckland 50,000 stadium
 - The gig is sold out and accommodation is tight. Flight data is not currently available
 - PGRSC will be running around the same time and will people be able to attend both?
 - Is the current date the best date given occupancy rates in Auckland and is their data from NZ Tourism?
 - From Alex:
 - We spoke to AUT on the 21st of November, 2024, and they can't host us the week before (12th). We can't do it the week after, because it's Thanksgiving, and our US colleagues will be less likely to attend. And we don't want to push into December.

The Auckland folks noted that accommodation does appear a little more expensive and limited already, but that there is a lot of accommodation there and it shouldn't be a major issue.

- Training for new board members
 - Review and modify the [onboarding document](#)

Committee updates

External Relationship Committee

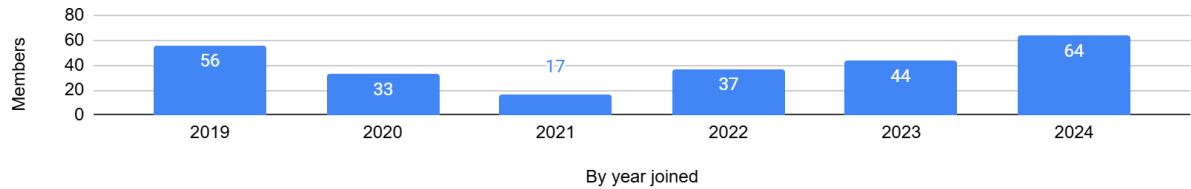
- Well received after the official introduction in Hobart
- A few people already manifested interest in participating

- Thanks Rafael for creating it

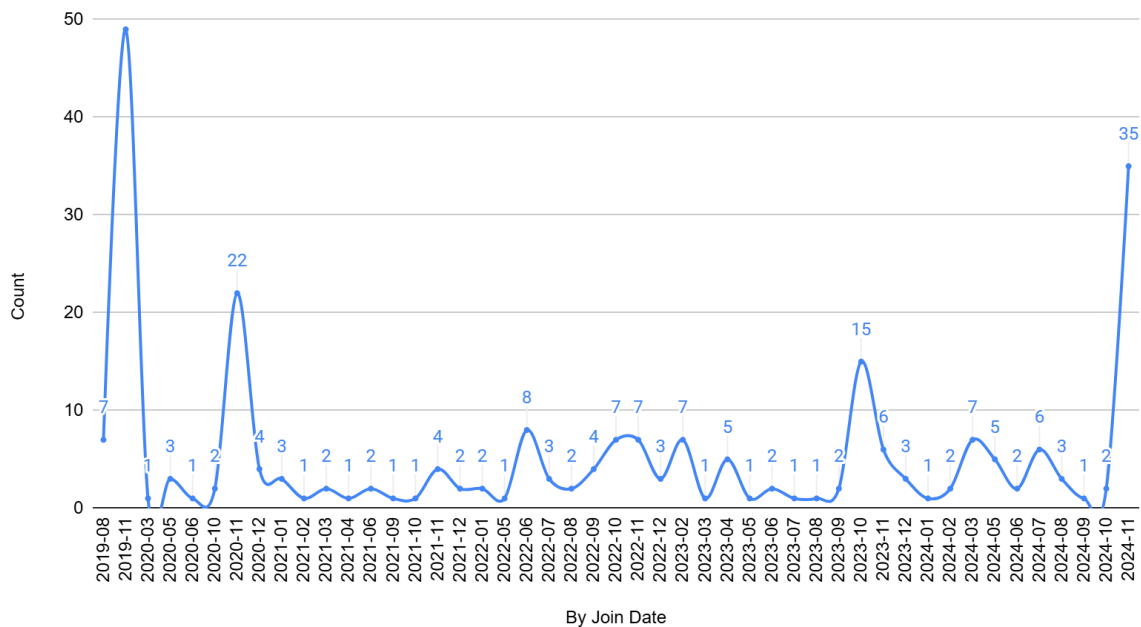
Membership Committee (5 mins)

- Ewen sent 160 email addresses of FOSS4G who were not registered as active members and received 33 new members
- All members with bounced emails now chased up with 75% success
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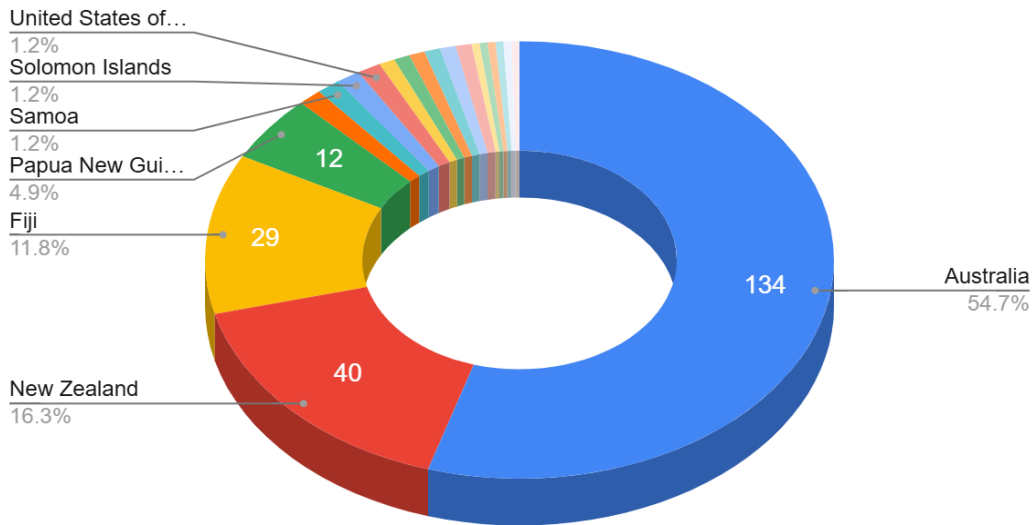
Active members by joining year



Active members by joining Month

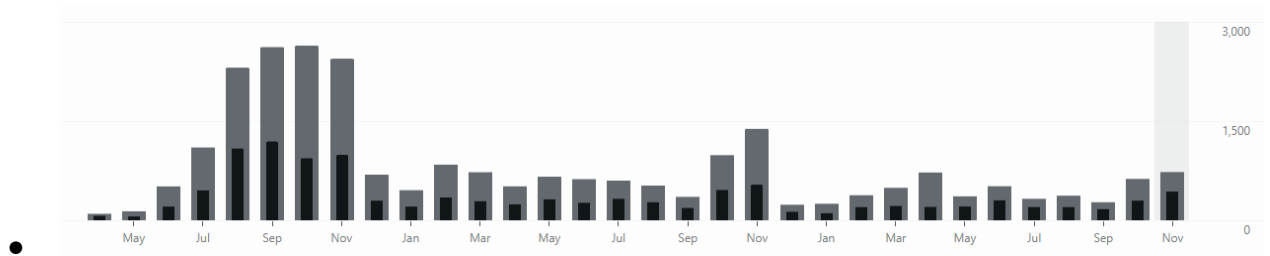


Country breakdown



Communications Working Group (CWG)

- 543 web page visitors in last 30 days (+83%)
- Ewen resigning from the Comms group - the next board to work out what to do next
- Eli - we will discuss at the next board meeting, but thanks Ewen for all the work done this year
- Alex - some of the comms work has been extremely effective; our events list is one of the best in the region
- New BlueSky account activated
- Website stats per month
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Social	Followers	Likes
Facebook	140 (+10)	81(+6)
Linked In	613 (+27)	46 reactions
X.com	497 (-6)	

Mail lists	1237 (+22)	AKL-25 56 (+12) HBT-24 --0
Bluesky	New. No access to stats available to Comms Group	

twFinance Committee

- Jonah not available to provide an update but all details are in the annual report.
- Alex notes that we were on track for a loss, but this year's conference had income last financial year, which meant that we made a \$15 k surplus.

Grants committee

- Eli - QGIS Australia meetup was a success (held the day before the conference); feedback was very positive
 - Alex - did the event run as a loss? Eli doesn't know as it's not for the Grant committee duty to know the economic results of those events.
- FOSS4G Perth -
- Robust discussion on grant feedback
- Nothing new to report

[Action review](#) by status (Link to sheet)

Status	Assigned	Action
In Progress	Ewen	Follow up membership discussion Update: <i>Rework systems in the back end</i>
To do	Elisa	PGRSC letter of acknowledgment of sponsorship and possible collaboration Update: just on hold for now. The new Engagement Committee will take care of this
done	Eli	Contact John Bryant re his para in the Annual report
To do	Jonah	Out of scope of OO but continue to source OSM tile server(s) within the region.
Done	Ewen	Off-board and chase up unsubscribed members and locate new email addresses for bounced members.
Done	Ali/all	Compile Annual Report - all board members to add their response