

# OSGeo Oceania - Board Meeting Agenda/Minutes

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## Links

- [Google Hangout link](#)
- [Terms of Reference](#)
- [Budget](#)
- [OSGeo Oceania wiki](#)
- [Loomio](#)

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## Apologies

- tisham@whatnick.com

## Agenda/notes

- Scribe: Jonah
- Celina - conversation on the interest and capacity of the board to support more defined engagement initiatives.
  - Overall mission for OSGeo Oceania includes more than Australia/NZ
  - OO can enable pandemic recovery (data gaps, employment gaps)
  - Celina is working on funding and community organising with a few groups in the South Pacific
  - \$5,000 OO website budget hasn't led to a high-quality website
  - Alex - funding is available but funding hasn't been requested through a proposal. Existing website is low/no cost.
  - Edoardo - content is the hard part: we can't pay someone to do it, we need to create our own. The job could be managed by breaking it down into smaller parts
  - Greg - expenditure requires a funding proposal.
  - Jonah - hubs are associated with the FOSS4G Oceania conference; there are other grassroots groups, but not OSGeo Oceania hubs.
  - Edoardo - Website - design and content: could pay for design improvements and work on the content.
  - Celina - need more information about how the community is interacting with OO
  - Ewen - would like to see more emphasis on online training and more online events. Additional website funding is low-impact.

- Tooa - Samoa GIS group isn't aware of funding opportunities. Agree that a website isn't the most valuable means of engagement: social media is more popular.
- Greg - funding for initiatives is definitely available, but 5-digit funding packages are unlikely to pass considering OO doesn't have a reliable funding source. Social media is an important comms channel
- Eli - there should be a plurality of engagement channels
- Alex - OO gets significant income from conferences but we have no recent income. Any specific requests?
- **ACTION:** Celina will put together a proposal to review content on the website.
- **ACTION:** Celina will review and revise the Communications Strategy
- Alex - OO doesn't endorse commercial providers
- Edoardo - the comms committee and chair approved the email newsletter that endorsed a commercial provider.
- **ACTION:** [gregory.lauer@gmail.com](mailto:gregory.lauer@gmail.com) will call a meeting of the comms working group soon
- 2023 FOSS4G (global) RFP
  - **DECISION:** Will OO provide a proposal to host the global FOSS4G in Oceania?
    - Motion to provide a proposal did not pass
  - Eli - it would be great to see, especially in Fiji
  - Greg - it's a lot of work but Fiji would be great
  - Alex - SPC could access funding and institutional support
  - Eli - could delay 2022 conference in lieu of global 2023 conference
  - Jonah - GA isn't very excited about this sort of thing
  - Ewen - time frame is too short, risk vs reward doesn't add up
  - Alex and Greg - effort is better spent on the regional conference
- 2022 conference
  - [Resume conversation we started on the mailing list](#)
  - Greg - covid will still be an issue. We could add onto the PGRSC conference in Suva (a FOSS4G day managed by OSGeo Oceania)
  - Generally positive reaction to Greg's proposal.
  - **ACTION:** [Jonah Sullivan](#) will write a proposal to PGRSC to have a FOSS4G day during the PGRSC Conference and report the response at the next meeting
- [https://2022.foss4g.org/call\\_for\\_sponsor.php](https://2022.foss4g.org/call_for_sponsor.php)
- Goal planning - moved to email discussion
  - Membership
  - Community engagement
  - Finances
  - Conference delivery
- Any other business
  - Board member pages on OSGeo wiki
    - **ACTION:** [Jonah Sullivan](#) will send an email with information about how board members can make a personal page on the OSGeo wiki
  - Mailing lists review
    - <https://lists.osgeo.org/mailman/listinfo/oceania>
  - [Survey results](#)

- **ACTION:** gregory.lauer@gmail.com will draw some conclusions from the survey results and email them to the board.
- OSM working group -> Ed would like to set up a funding application process
  - Elisa - a single grants committee would be easier to administer
  - Greg - \$2,500 is available for use
  - Edoardo - need to ensure potential funding recipients know how to access funds
  - **ACTION:** gregory.lauer@gmail.com will ensure Emma is aware of QGIS SIG funding
- **ACTION:** Jonah Sullivan will post minutes to OSGeo wiki and send information about board minutes to Oceania email list

#### Actions to review

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#### New actions

#### Decisions by email