

OSGeo Foundation
Board

Application for official status as OSGeo Local Chapter

After few years as chapter “In Formation” OSGeo Suomi ry was established 19.8.2015 and registered 21.10.2015 as non-profit legal entity. In international context we use name OSGeo Finland.

Association, OSGeo Finland, has a board¹ which have its own mailing list and it has meetings when needed. The board is elected in yearly meetings however by some period lengths defined in bylaws the continuity is ensured and stagnation is avoided. Also, the action plan for association is confirmed by members in these meetings. In the bylaws of the association OSGeo Foundation and its goals and ethics are mentioned to be the guidelines of the society too. The association strives to act as a national link to OSGeo Foundation and also inform what's happening internationally as well inform OSGeo Foundation of the activities and news from Finland.

OSGeo Finland works by using mailing list (open OSGeo sponsored), using OSGeo wiki pages and in very near future also own website (www.osgeo.fi) which at the moment links to wiki pages. The bylaws of the association are on the wiki pages for public knowledge (in Finnish).

OSGeo Finland organizes two open conferences yearly, ALPO and devALPO. ALPO means (freely translated) Open Source Geo Software. ALPO is organized in spring time and devALPO in autumn. These conferences have been organized already few times attracting 40-80 participants.

Members have been actively promoting OSGeo projects in various meetings, networks and conferences. Some members have also organized international geoinformatics related conferences (OGRS 2014) and we made application for FOSS4G 2013 conference.

OSGeo Finland looks ahead to organize some of OSGeo major event.

Our members have also been involved, mostly by their profession, to national development of geoinformatics related issues. Some of these are related eg. to create normatives for INSPIRE implementation in Finland. All these activities create a natural back ground for our aim to create a working and useful network for OSGeo Finland and its members. Active members have been presenting OSGeo projects and their use in national GIS EXPO by numerous presentations.

1 See Appendix 1.

OSGeo members have been active also when localizing OSGeo projects as well as some development work has been supported. This work is one of the key issues to be developed in the future.

We hope that You can see from these facts that OSGeo Finland has grown up and is now a stable and presentable national organization. Thus, we like to ask You that OSGeo Suomi ry / OSGeo Finland would get the nomination for official OSGeo Local Chapter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Kari Salovaara', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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Appendix 1.

OSGeo Suomi ry – OSGeo Finland board members

Kari Salovaara	chairman	(2015)
Pekka Sarkola	vice chairman	(2013)
Ari Jolma	secretary	(2006)
Jaakko Ruutiainen	member	
Jonne Savolainen	member	
Eduardo Gonzalez	member	
Jukka Rahkonen	member	(2014)

Year in parentheses is for OSGeo Charter membership