

OSGeo Oceania Board Meeting Agenda/Minutes

12 Jan 2024

Attendees

- Present: John Bryant, Rafael Kargren, Jonah Sullivan, Elisa Puccioni, Renee Manser, Alex Leith, Ewen Hill

Agenda/minutes

General business

- Showing around stuff (google drive and docs, finance, planning etc) [Any volunteer?]
 - suggestion to have a written guided tour that can be used any time - aligns with governance objectives → might be linked to new proposed Governance committee
 - ACTION: John and Renee to begin work on a written guide to operational assets, systems, etc
- Brainstorm about [2024 OKRs](#)

We have reviewed ideas on Communication and Finance. Next meeting we aim to review Education and Engagement.

 - Communication
 - Is there an existing WG? Yes, consisting of two people: Ewen and one other person
 - Ewen: there's a lack of things to talk about, we need more calls to action
 - suggestion to convene the WG, call for volunteers
 - Discord channel mentioned (we don't have one)
 - discussion regarding adding new communication channels, tension between reaching more people and fragmenting comms with too many channels
 - suggestion to resurrect SIGs
 - perhaps a landing page with links to all other things, ie. "how you can reach us"?
 - Be mindful of language barriers for the entire OSGeo Oceania community
 - ACTION: Ewen & John: create/re-engage a communication working group
 - Financial sustainability
 - possibly a bit of a loss this year
 - suggestion we need more earnings to cover paid work
 - do we need a full time executive director? - not discussed in any detail - to be discussed more in future board meetings, after sponsorship discussion.
 - could/should some of this be handed to the finance committee for a more detailed review? not necessarily, if the purpose of the committee is to manage the finances, rather than defining, advertising and managing sponsorships etc
 - sponsorship?

- individual (easier) vs corporate (challenging)
 - suggestion to begin seeking corporate sponsors
 - we need to do much more legwork on this before seeking sponsorship, including discussing with the community whether this is even something we should do
 - **ACTION:** Ewen to initiate board Loomio discussion about sponsorship
 - **ACTION:** Share with the community the outcomes of Loomio and engage in broader discussion
 - **ACTION:** Alex to test the waters for individual sponsorships by implementing GitHub Sponsors program that we've been accepted to (after board & community discussions about sponsorship)
- Discussion about 2025 FOSS4G International
 - Alex stepping back, perhaps someone else will pick it up ([post to list](#))
- ASIC process
 - Renee - in progress, under control, in contact with Belinda @ accountants - confident and comfortable
- Insurance
 - Alex - [we have a quote for directors' liability insurance](#) from last year
 - need to determine whether we proceed with this
 - **ACTION:** Everybody review insurance quote for discussion at next board meeting
- Committees
 - Finance committee - John & Jonah & Alex
 - do we need a finance committee? Alex notes that we have a finance policy, and the committee has been inactive
 - suggestion that yes, we need one to review finances in detail and make recommendations to full board
 - Grants committee - Elisa with community members
 - Small grant for OSM activities in Timor L'este: https://www.facebook.com/gsigtimorleste?_rdc=1&_rdr
 - Who else wants to be in the grants committee?
 - Carrol really busy, Greg is interested, hoping for Ed too
 - Two more committees are suggested:
 - Renee: [Governance](#)
 - Raf: External relationships
 - brief discussion and agreement that to form a new committee or working group we need to have more discussion about its purpose and to pass a motion before it becomes a thing
 - proposed committees need to have some kind of simple terms of reference
 - **ACTION:** Jonah, Alex, John to convene Finance Committee
 - **ACTION:** Alex to document processes, procedures, habits: [finance procedures](#)
 - **ACTION:** Renee to write proposal for Governance committee
 - **ACTION:** Raf to write proposal for External Relationships committee
- FOSS4G SotM Oceania 2024 updates
 - Nothing to update here
 - Still waiting to hear from UTAS...
 - New meeting to be organised this month

- Board meeting minutes - approval procedure
 - John proposes:
 - Friday: board meeting
 - By Sunday: review and finalise a draft of the meeting minutes and share on Loomio for discussion and approval, deadline midnight Thursday
 - Friday: Post minutes to wiki, share with community on Oceania mailing list and Slack
 - ACTION: John to finish draft of minutes and put on Loomio by 14 Jan for discussion/approval
- COG25 letter of support
 - We have been asked for a letter of support (by Feb) from [OGS](#) for a large project they are embarking on in 2024-2025
 - out of time for discussion
 - ACTION: John to send more info by email about COG25 request for letter of support

OUT OF TIME, POSTPONED

- Discussion about taking part time employees.
 - Recap about last year board decisions/ideas on the topic
 - What roles would we eventually need?
- OSGeo Foundation Budget
 - call for community sponsorship opportunities
 - <https://lists.osgeo.org/pipermail/discuss/2023-December/040015.html>

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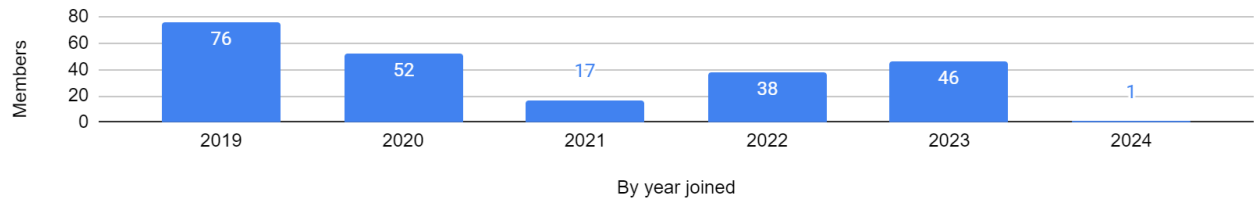
Appendices

Membership Working Group update

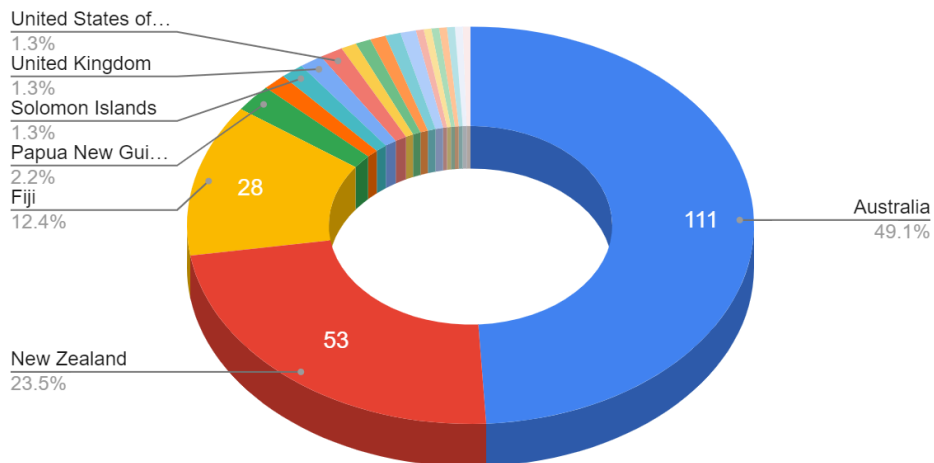
Jonah and community members

- 20 new members since the Auckland Conference in October

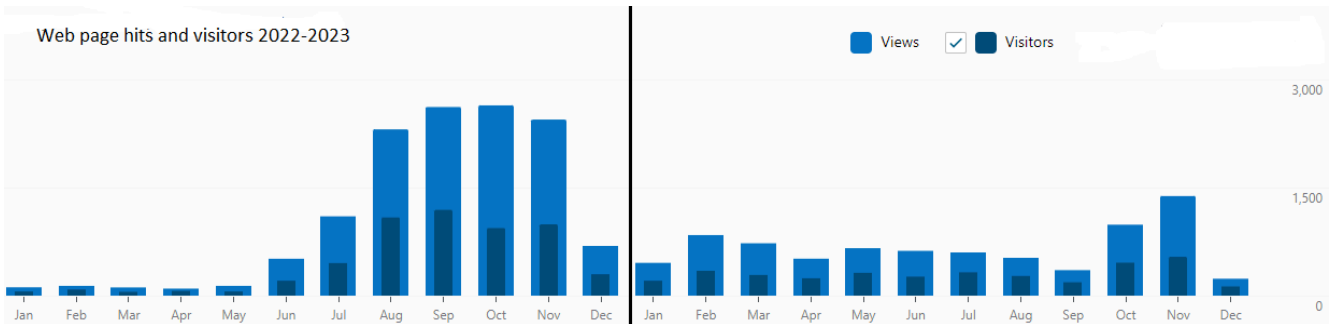
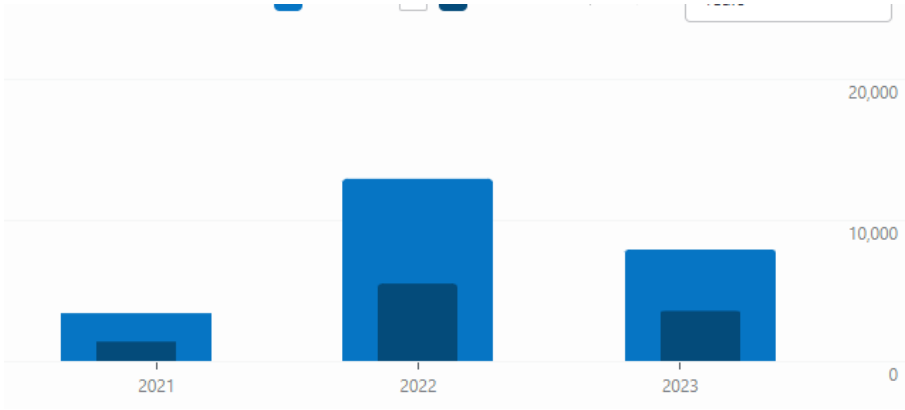
Active members by joining year



Country breakdown



Communications update



- Note: The 2023 conference was run as an external site rather than in 2022
- Page hits, referrers and country of origin in 2023

FOSS4G SOTM Oceania 2023 conference - Auckland	1,909	Search Engines	1,736
Welcome!	1,771	linkedin.com	109
Membership	618	wiki.osgeo.org	74
Events calendar	354	WordPress Android App	60
Funding	294	Facebook	59
Special Interest Groups	283	statics.teams.cdn.office.net	43
About	271	2023.foss4g-oceania.org	29
Home page / Archives	256	mail.google.com	27
Pacific Geospatial Conference 2022	222	Twitter	27
2023 OSGeo Oceania Board	205	wiki.openstreetmap.org	24
Events	156	qgis.org	22
2023 Conference logo design	150	youtube.com	16
FOSS4G SotM Oceania 2023 Request for Proposals	141	osgeo.org	12
2023 Board nominations	133	WordPress.com Reader	9
Public membership register	126	events.humanitix.com	8
FOSS4G SotM Oceania 2021	116	ecosia.org	7
OSGeo Oceania News	91	geogeeks.org	6
Conference Program	88	blog.qgis.org	5
		manage.10times.com	5

Countries	Views
 Australia	3,446
 New Zealand	1,450
 United States	826
 Fiji	200
 Singapore	183
 Canada	178
 China	140
 India	116
 Netherlands	88
 Papua New Guinea	86
 Samoa	75
 South Korea	69
 United Kingdom	56
 Germany	54
 Philippines	53
 Northern Mariana Islands	45

- Twitter 491 followers (+5)
- LinkedIn (392 followers) and 508 views in the last year
- Facebook Grants page (48 followers ...+5) , Timor Leste leading the way with reactions.