

# Swiss OpenStreetMap Association Annual General Meeting 2025

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Friday, April 25th 2025, 20:00

Online, on <https://pub.digitale-gesellschaft.ch/b/pat-6h2-rqy>

Members present:

1. *Raphael Das Gupta* (treasurer)
2. David Haberthür
3. *Stefan Keller*
4. Jonas Meier
5. *Simon Poole* (president)
6. *Michael Spreng* (technical operations)
7. *Patrick Stählin* (press)
8. Manfred Stock

Present members with *emphasis* are board members.

## 1 Opening and Welcome

The meeting started at around 20:03:40.

Simon Poole opens the discussion if we want to do the AGM now or postpone it by at least four weeks since some accidental mistakes and omissions happened during the preparation of the AGM. As it was difficult to quickly find a new date and all relevant persons were present now, it was decided to *not* postpone the meeting, but to redo it later in case somebody files a protest.

## 2 Election of the minute taker and vote counters

- Elected minute taker with 7 votes in favour and one abstention: Manfred Stock.
- No vote counters, automatically done by BigBlueButton<sup>1</sup> conferencing software and then minuted.

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<sup>1</sup><https://bigbluebutton.org/>

### 3 Adoption of minutes of the 2024 AGM

The minutes<sup>2</sup> are accepted with 6 votes in favour and 2 abstentions.

### 4 Activity report 2024

- There have been a few more activities than in previous years, also due to the 20th anniversary of OpenStreetMap<sup>3</sup>.
- There are quite a few new members.
- Sent 1'349 welcome mails to new contributors in Switzerland.
- Sent a letter to Bundesrat Röstli regarding MODIG, but didn't get a reply, not even an acknowledgement of receipt.
- Participated in and organised many events, like Wikipedia day, 20th OpenStreetMap anniversary party, DINAcon, etc.
- Also gave presentations, e.g. at a Ride<sup>4</sup> partner event, where attendees really showed some interest.
- Moved two servers<sup>5</sup> from Winterthur (where they were hosted by Init7<sup>6</sup>) to Zurich (where they are hosted by Nine<sup>7</sup> now) since we had to leave the data centre in Winterthur due to reasons beyond our control and that of Init7.
- Mostly gave up Twitter for social media, not really active on Facebook, mostly using Mastodon<sup>8</sup> and Bluesky<sup>9</sup> now.

### 5 Financial results 2024

#### 5.1 Presentation by Raphael Das Gupta (treasurer)

- Main source of income are membership fees and a few donations. Membership fees sometimes arrive a bit late, like one from 2021 in 2024.
- Compared to other expenses, spent quite a bit on banking fees.
- Bought some stickers, and spent the usual funds on domains, etc.
- Assets have increased, but we currently have a small debt due to unpaid allowances.

#### 5.2 Auditors report presented by Jonas Meier (auditor)

- Auditors reviewed the financial report.
- Money was spent for what it was intended for (i.e. OpenStreetMap), balance is correct.

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<sup>2</sup><https://sosm.ch/wp-content/uploads/2025/04/sosm-agm-2024-minutes.pdf>

<sup>3</sup><https://birthday20.openstreetmap.org/>

<sup>4</sup><https://www.ride-mtb.com/>

<sup>5</sup><https://sosm.ch/certain-sosm-services-not-available-on-friday-december-13th/>

<sup>6</sup><https://init7.net/>, <https://sosm.ch/additional-hosting-location-at-init7/>

<sup>7</sup><https://nine.ch/>, <https://sosm.ch/nine-new-colocation-sponsor/>

<sup>8</sup><https://en.osm.town/@SwissOSM>

<sup>9</sup><https://bsky.app/profile/sosm.ch>

- Auditors recommend to accept the annual financial statement for 2024, to discharge the cashier and to thank him for his work.

## 6 Discharge of the Board

Board discharged with 6 votes in favour and 2 abstentions.

## 7 Membership fees 2026

Vote to keep membership fees (CHF 20 for individual members, CHF 150 for corporate members, both per calendar year): Accepted with 8 votes in favour.

## 8 Budget 2025

- Income: Membership roughly as 2024.
- Maybe spend 6 \* CHF 100 on hosting for a GSoC project (PoC for temporary traffic interruptions).
- We might have to replace some older HP servers should they fail. They're also using a lot of energy and should therefore eventually be replaced anyway. This is not listed in the budget and will only be done in 2025 if really necessary, or otherwise maybe in 2026.

## 9 Elections

### 9.1 Board

- All current board members stand for reelection.
- Vote if whole board should be elected in one vote: Accepted with 8 votes in favour, we will thus confirm the whole board in one vote.
- Confirmation of board: Board reelected for another year with 7 votes in favour and 1 abstention.
- President: Simon Poole was reelected with 7 votes in favour and 1 abstention.

### 9.2 Auditors

Simon Poole thanks the auditors for their work.

Election: Philipp Hug and Jonas Meier both got reelected in one vote with 7 votes in favour and 1 abstention.

## 10 Any other business

- Idea from Simon: The Zurich regular's table could visit the regular's table in Bern some time<sup>10</sup>.

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<sup>10</sup>This came up during the financial results discussion, but was minuted here to avoid confusion in the minutes.

- Simon was in touch with a mapper who's collecting boundary stones who suggested to present his work to the community. Idea from Simon: Have regular webinar/hybrid presentation where people can show what they're doing. AGM attendees like the idea.
- Suggestion from Patrick: Review our bylaws, update/modernise/improve them a bit. It's not urgent, but something which could be done for the next regular AGM.

The meeting was concluded at around 20:48:21.