

Annual Report of the OSMF Talk-List Moderators May 23, 2023

This report chronicles actions taken by the five moderators appointed to moderate the OpenStreetMap Foundation-sponsored talk lists at talk@openstreetmap.org (the "talk list") and osmf-talk@openstreetmap.org (the "osmf-talk list"). Subsequent to that appointment, these moderators were also asked by administrators of the community forum at community.openstreetmap.org to moderate three channels on that forum ("general", "foundation", and "tagging"). This report thus chronicles actions taken on the community forum as well. This chronology omits decisions to refrain from action on forum messages flagged for attention, when a moderator determined that no action was warranted, as no record of such decisions has been maintained.

May 23, 2022 - Board appointed five moderators nominated by the Local Chapters and Communities Working Group: Rubaina Adam, Radmila Jovanović, Angela Teyvi, Logan McGovern, and Allan Mustard. A web page for the moderators was subsequently established at https://wiki.osmfoundation.org/wiki/Moderation_team_for_talk_and_osmf-talk_mailing_lists

June 22, 2022 - Moderators met virtually and agreed on moderation team guidelines, which were then posted to the OSM wiki at https://wiki.openstreetmap.org/wiki/Etiquette/Moderation_Team_Guidelines

July 16, 2022 - Moderators voted via Loomio to a lifetime ban of a user operating under the pseudonym Anja Xhakani. https://wiki.osmfoundation.org/w/images/9/97/20220716_Vote_-_Incident_Response_Anja_Xhakani.pdf The moderators voted to ask the system administrators to hide offensive messages associated with that incident from public view. https://wiki.osmfoundation.org/w/images/8/84/20220716_Vote_-_Block_access_to_offensive_talk_list_messages.pdf

July 19, 2022 - Moderators agreed by consensus that in future, if facing an urgent matter, they will vote using Loomio with an eye to seeking a majority vote within 48 hours. If a majority vote is not accomplished within 48 hours, moderators will convene an extraordinary meeting to discuss the matter. The exception to majority votes will remain any permanent ban, which will require a unanimous vote of the moderators.

October 20, 2022 - Moderators discussed a somewhat rude conversation in a talk list (use of the word "asinine"), which had been brought to the moderators' attention. The moderators noted that another participant in that conversation had already admonished the user of that word, and that the matter had gone quiet. The moderators agreed that no action was warranted.

November 22, 2022 - Moderators voted via Loomio to agree to a request from forums governance team of the community forum to moderate three channels on that forum. https://wiki.osmfoundation.org/w/images/4/46/Request_to_moderate_on_community.openstreetmap.org.pdf

December 22, 2022 - Forums governance team and a Latin America channel moderator asked the moderators to adjudicate whether two disruptive users on the Latin America channel should be disciplined.

December 28, 2022 - Moderators voted via Loomio to suspend user Lutz for one week for violating the Etiquette Guidelines. https://wiki.osmfoundation.org/wiki/Moderation_team_for_talk_and_osmf-talk_mailing_lists/Votes/Complaint_about_posts_by_OSM_Community_Member_Lutz

January 23, 2023 - Moderators agreed to adjudicate requests from other channels case by case, but rejected a suggestion that it moderate the Latin American channel routinely, mainly due to the language barrier.

February 4, 2023 - Moderators voted via Loomio to suspend user fititnt for 28 days for violating the Etiquette Guidelines. https://wiki.osmfoundation.org/wiki/Moderation_team_for_talk_and_osmf-talk_mailing_lists/Votes/Etiquette_Violations_by_fititnt_-_A_vote_whether_to_ban_his_participation_on_community.openstreetmap.org_and_the_mailing_lists

February 6, 2023 - Moderators voted via Loomio to suspend user Mariotomo for 14 days for violating the Etiquette Guidelines. https://wiki.osmfoundation.org/w/images/1/18/202302_Moderation_-_Etiquette_Violations_by_Mariotomo.pdf

March 20, 2023 - Moderator Mustard intervened in a conversation at <https://community.openstreetmap.org/t/survey-on-women-participation-in-openstreetmap-perspectives-of-all-genders/96949>, warning against misogynist speech. Moderator Mustard hid two messages that violated Etiquette Guidelines. When the affected users protested the hiding of their posts, Moderator Mustard advised them that they may appeal his decision to the Board of Directors of the OSMF. He explained publicly his rationale behind one decision at <https://community.openstreetmap.org/t/survey-on-women-participation-in-openstreetmap-perspectives-of-all-genders/96949/34> and <https://community.openstreetmap.org/t/survey-on-women-participation-in-openstreetmap-perspectives-of-all-genders/96949/32>, and the other decision privately at <https://community.openstreetmap.org/t/re-survey-on-women-participation-in-openstreetmap-perspectives-of-all-genders/97128>

April 10, 2023 - Moderator McGovern intervened in a heated argument at <https://community.openstreetmap.org/t/what-is-considered-stealing-from-other-maps/97623> on use of copyrighted data in OpenStreetMap, admonishing two users to remain dispassionate, then freezing the thread for 24 hours.

April 13, 2023 - Moderator McGovern permanently closed the thread at <https://community.openstreetmap.org/t/what-is-considered-stealing-from-other-maps/97623>.

April 28, 2023 - Moderators agreed unanimously that oral counseling of one of the participants in the April 10 heated argument is warranted and appointed Moderator Mustard to perform this task.

May 6, 2023 - Moderators voted unanimously via Loomio to suspend user Marc_marc from the talk list for 7 days for using an obscenity, which violates the Etiquette Guidelines. Moderator Mustard also counseled user Marc_marc by email not to use obscenities or to engage in *ad hominem* attacks. https://wiki.osmfoundation.org/w/images/9/9f/20230506_Etiquette_violation_by_user_Marc_marc_Loomio.pdf

May 23, 2023 – Moderator McGovern hid a message from user Adamant1 that constituted an *ad hominem* attack on two OSM community members, and admonished him to refrain from further such

action. <https://community.openstreetmap.org/t/steve-coasts-proposal-for-osmf-strategic-plan/99136/44>