

September 22, 2016

To Stan Tillman:

In recognition of your unique contribution to the advancement and promotion of OGC standards, the Board of Directors of the OGC is honored to present you with the Kenneth D. Gardels Award.

As an exemplary OGC member, you've worked tirelessly to foster communication and build constructive partnerships within the Technical and Planning Committees as well as with those working outside of OGC activities. You have contributed your expertise to numerous Working Groups, and the Technical Committee as a whole, and you've shown great leadership in facilitating consensus in the Consortium through your ability to align often widely diverging points of view to a common solution.

As a long standing member of the TC, you have provided both formal and informal mentoring of incoming members and positive engagement with all who participate in TC Meetings. Further, you have advised Working Group chairs regarding process and the realities of leadership in the OGC.

You contributed to two key OGC standards: Open Web Services (OWS) Common and the Web Processing Service 2.0, including acting as a vice chair in the WPS 2.0 Standards Working Group (SWG). In recent years your leadership of the contentious Point Cloud Domain Working Group (DWG) in assuming the main chair role has ensured that the working group has been professional and productive from the point of authoring the Charter to its current progress. You provide careful and measured balance in representing the industry in the PC and maintain a positive and professional attitude in all OGC meetings. You have provided important improvements to the CITE tests for WFS 1.1, WCS 1.0, and WMS 1.1.1 as well as helped develop an OGC whitepaper on software acquisition to better enable procurement of OGC-standardized products and services. Your participation in and sponsorship of past OGC testbeds contributed the continuity and success of the testbed process.

We thank you for demonstrating the true spirit of the OGC in working for what is best for the geospatial community. You have dedicated countless hours to OGC activities, working cordially with partners, customers and competitors alike, making yourself a readily accessible resource for OGC members. In all this work, you have illustrated the personal excellence and social commitment that represent the highest value of the Consortium and the intent of this award.

Kenn Gardels is remembered for his principles, courage, and humility, and for his accomplishments in promoting spatial technologies to address the needs of humanity. We thank you for your dedication and achievement, and for exemplifying these ideals to which we as a community all aspire. On behalf of the Board of Directors of the Open Geospatial Consortium, and with the unanimous support of the Gardels Award Committee, it is with the greatest personal pleasure that I present you with this special Kenneth D. Gardels Award.

For the OGC Board of Directors:

Jeffrey K. Harris