

20 November 2019

To Linda van den Brink:

In recognition of your substantial contribution to the advancement and promotion of the OGC mission, the Board of Directors of the OGC is honored to present you with the 2019 Kenneth D. Gardels Award.

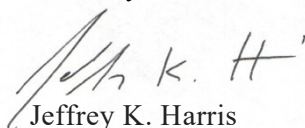
As an exemplary OGC member, you are nominated because of your effective ability to connect OGC with other standards industry bodies and communities. As noted by one of the nominating committee: “Linda has been an outstanding representative both internal to OGC and external. She has worked hard to gain OGC standards acceptance in the wider community.” Another committee member commented: “Linda’s value to the OGC is reflected simply because of the number of areas in which she has participated. Over the years, Linda has been involved in CityGML, GeoSemantics, Linked Data, and the joint working group with W3C. In these groups, Linda has not only been involved, but also taken a very active part in each....”

You co-chair the GeoSemantics Domain Working Group and have also been very active in the GML and CityGML Standards Working Groups, often identifying issues based on experience gained through real-world interoperability activities. You have been the primary voice in highlighting the need to better align common elements in the CityGML, InfraGML, and IndoorGML standards.

We thank you for demonstrating the true spirit of the OGC in striving for what is best for the location community. You have served countless hours in OGC activities, including leading, attending, and actively participating in OGC quarterly meetings and serving as a Technical Committee (TC) representative to the Planning Committee (PC), where you are charged to effectively represent the TC in strategic discussions that impact the Consortium and the industry at large.

On behalf of the Board of Directors, and with the unanimous support of the Gardels Award Committee, it is with the greatest personal pleasure that I present you with the 2019 Kenneth D. Gardels Award. You exemplify the principles, courage, humility, and accomplishment in making location FAIR and connecting people, technology, communities for the greater good, addressing the needs of humanity that characterized Kenn Gardels ' career and life.

Sincerely,



Jeffrey K. Harris  
Chairman