

WIKI SOCIETY OF WASHINGTON, DC INC.
Board of Directors Meeting

June 17, 2018, at 1:00 PM
Cove, 1666 Connecticut Avenue NW, Washington, DC

Board Members Present: Kirill Lokshin [President]
Rosie Stephenson-Goodknight [Vice President]
Diane Shaw [Secretary]
John Sadowski [Treasurer]
Robert Fernandez
Peter Meyer
Kelly Doyle
Kevin Payravi

Board Members Not Present: Emily Temple-Wood

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Lokshin at 1:10 PM.

1. A motion by Mr. Lokshin to approve the minutes of the February 18, 2018 meeting of the Board of Directors was seconded and passed without dissent.
2. Mr. Lokshin submitted a written report on behalf of the Executive Committee.

[See Attachment A]

3. The Board discussed collaborating with Wikimedia New York City, which is hiring a contractor to come up with a new safe space / anti-harassment policy. In addition, the Board discussed how to keep track of reported safe space violations, how the reported violations were addressed, and how to make information about reported violations anonymized for public reporting.
4. A motion by Mr. Lokshin to appoint Kevin Payravi to the Board seat left vacant by the departure of James Hare was seconded and passed without dissent.
5. A motion by Mr. Lokshin to elect Diane Shaw as Secretary was seconded and passed without dissent.
6. The Board discussed how to handle spam on the Wikimedia DC wiki. A motion by Mr. Meyer to amend the Technology Access Policy by inserting the following text as Paragraph 5 of Article V was seconded and passed without dissent.

5. Termination of Website Access. Wikimedia DC's public websites are intended to support activities conducted by Wikimedia DC staff and volunteers in furtherance of

Wikimedia DC's charitable mission. Authorized Wikimedia DC staff or volunteers may immediately delete accounts, pages, and edits on any Wikimedia DC website that do not meet this criterion.

7. The Board discussed the recently-completed Wikimedia Leadership Boot Camp, which was held on Friday, June 15 through Sunday, June 17, and the feedback that had been received from attendees. Suggestions included having more question and answer time, reviewing how previous boot camps were organized, and finding a way to measure the effectiveness of the training after the boot camp has been completed. Ideally, lightning talks would be held by participants on the first day, as a way for them to introduce themselves. Effort still needs to be made to hear from and encourage participation from the quieter attendees in group discussions, and to promote active listening. The possibility of holding a future boot camp at a different venue than NARA was discussed, since NARA cannot accommodate activities past 5 PM, but the benefits of using NARA for meeting space (free to our group; good wi-fi; and being able to have related programming with NARA staff and collections) continue to make it a logical first choice. Participants should be encouraged to self-organize a meeting place after hours to continue collaborative discussions, as desired. Several attendees expressed interest in staying in touch with the other participants, through a forum such as a Google group. The next boot camp will probably be held in a couple of years, possibly in partnership with the Wikimedia Foundation.
8. The Board discussed net neutrality, and whether Wikimedia DC should take an advocacy position on it. Mr. Meyer had participated in a conference call with Representative Ron Wyden and other Wikipedians for background information. A Village Pump proposal to display a banner regarding net neutrality did not result in a consensus. The Board will take up discussion of advocacy pros and cons at a future meeting.
9. Ms. Stephenson-Goodknight passed along the request from WMDE's Nicole Ebber to consider applying to join one of the Wikimedia strategy working groups, which would involve a commitment of at least 5 hours per week. Ms. Doyle expressed interest in applying for one of the Diversity groups, Mr. Lokshin was likely to join the roles and responsibilities group as an Affiliations Committee member, and Ms. Stephenson-Goodknight is on the steering committee for the working groups.
10. The Board discussed the scheduling of the annual membership meeting, and December 1, 2018 was selected as a target date. The location will be determined later, but is likely to be at the Dupont Cove, as happened last year.
11. The next Board meeting will be scheduled in August.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:48 PM.

Approved on: _____, _____.

Diane Shaw
Secretary

Kirill Lokshin
President

ATTACHMENT A

WIKIMEDIA DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

June 2018

SUMMARY

- Since the last meeting, we held 13 events with partner institutions, and have 3 more events in the pipeline.
- Fiscal year-to-date, we have recognized revenues of approximately \$103K and expenses of approximately \$70K. We currently hold approximately \$117K in cash, including approximately \$59K in unrestricted funds.

PROGRAMS

Since the last meeting of the Board, Wikimedia DC has held 13 editing workshops and other collaborative events with institutional partners: events with the University of Maryland on March 9, 10, and 11; an event with the Arlington Central Library on March 10; an event with the National Museum of Women in the Arts on March 17; an event with Prince George's Community College on March 19; an event with the Smithsonian American Art Museum on March 20; an event with the Daughters of the American Revolution on March 24; an event with the American Institute of Architects on March 27; an event with the Bureau of Land Management on April 12; an event with the National Agricultural Library on April 13; an event with the AFL-CIO on May 4; and an event with Capital Area Biospace, MoCo Makers, and the Rockville Science Center on June 2.

We have scheduled 3 editing workshops and other collaborative events with institutional partners over the next several months: an event with the National Archives on June 27; an event with the National Trust for Historic Preservation on July 11; and an event with the Virginia Association of Museums on September 13. We are in discussions with a number of other potential partners, including NPR, the Museum of the United States Army, the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts, the DC Punk Archive, the Baltimore Museum of Industry, the Newseum, and the Belmont-Paul Women's Equality National Monument.

GOVERNANCE

On April 3, James Hare submitted a letter of resignation from his positions as a member of the Board of Directors and as the Secretary, effective on April 30. Under Section 8(ii) of the Bylaws, the Board is required to appoint an individual to serve as a Director for the remainder of James' term; a suitable candidate has been identified and submitted for consideration by the Board.

FINANCE

Since the last meeting of the Board, Wikimedia DC has entered into a fiscal sponsorship agreement with the Wikimedia Foundation for the WikiConference North America 2018 Conference Grant. A total of \$44,000.00 in grant funds will be administered under this fiscal sponsorship agreement; this amount includes \$6,317.04 of funds reallocated from the WikiConference North America 2016 Conference Grant. Wikimedia DC has additionally returned \$11,946.62 in unspent grant funds from our 2016–17 Simple Annual Plan Grant to the Wikimedia Foundation.

Wikimedia DC currently has \$117,409.23 in cash, consisting of \$58,611.52 in restricted funds (which include unspent funds from our 2017 Strategy Salon grant, as well as funds administered under the Art+Feminism 2017, USF SOLIS 2017, WikiConference North America, and Women in Red fiscal sponsorship agreements) and \$58,797.71 in unrestricted funds.

Since the beginning of the fiscal year, Wikimedia DC has recognized revenues of \$103,437.25, consisting of \$26,113.11 in restricted funds (inclusive of refunds of unspent grant funds) and \$77,324.14 in unrestricted funds. During the same period, Wikimedia DC has recognized expenditures of \$69,917.80, consisting of \$65,044.76 of program costs and \$4,873.04 of administrative costs.