

**WIKI SOCIETY OF WASHINGTON, DC INC.**  
**Annual Membership Meeting**

December 12, 2015, at 2:00 PM  
Cove, 1990 K Street NW, Washington, DC

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Lokshin at 2:32 PM.

1. Mr. Hare called the membership roll and recorded the presence of 16 members, said members constituting a quorum of the membership.

[list of members attached]

2. Mr. Lokshin presented the Corporation's Annual Report for Fiscal Year 2014–15, which was entered into the minutes.

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3. Mr. Lokshin presented the Corporation's Annual Financial Report for Fiscal Year 2014–15, which was entered into the minutes.

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4. Mr. Lokshin presented the Corporation's 2015 Distinguished Service Award to Veronica Erb, which was entered into the minutes.

Wikimedia District of Columbia awards its 2015 Distinguished Service Award to Veronica Erb of National Public Radio for exemplary contributions to the advancement of public knowledge and the collection, development, and dissemination of educational content.

Over the past year, Veronica has worked closely with Wikimedia District of Columbia to organize a number of edit-a-thons. The themes of these events, which included topics such as Black History and Hispanic Heritage, were designed to recruit editors from traditionally under-represented communities and to improve areas within Wikipedia that are particularly subject to systemic bias, and furthered our strategic aim of fostering diverse participation in all areas of the Wikimedia movement.

As the organizer of these events, Veronica pioneered a novel approach to teaching newcomers to edit Wikipedia: a first-time editor would partner with an experienced volunteer, choose a small editing task from a bowl containing recommended tasks that had been curated ahead of time, and work together to make their first edit. This form of guided instructional editing holds great promise for future Wikipedia editor recruitment and training programs.

Wikimedia District of Columbia looks forward to continuing our collaboration with Veronica to improve the Wikimedia projects and to develop innovative new approaches to teaching first-time editors.

5. Mr. Lokshin presented the Corporation's 2015 Volunteer of the Year Award to Gerald Shields and Rosie Stephenson-Goodknight, which was entered into the minutes.

Wikimedia District of Columbia awards its 2015 Volunteer of the Year Award to Gerald Shields and Rosie Stephenson-Goodknight for their dedication to the advancement of public knowledge and the collection, development, and dissemination of educational content.

A long-time participant in our programs, Gerald has demonstrated extraordinary commitment to Wikimedia District of Columbia, regularly devoting his time to attend our events, support event organizers, and assist newcomers at events. He has been one of our principal event photographers for the past several years, and his work has been regularly featured in our public reports, press materials, and social media postings.

A graduate of one of our training workshops and an organizer of our partner organization, the WikiWomen's User Group, Rosie is active in organizing online and offline activities that recruit new editors, combat systemic bias, and develop exemplary content in under-represented areas of Wikipedia. Her contribution to the scholarship review process for WikiConference USA 2015 was crucial to the success of the event.

We thank Gerald and Rosie for their service to Wikimedia District of Columbia and to the Wikimedia movement, and look forward to their continued participation in our volunteer programs.

6. Mr. Lokshin presented the Corporation's Annual Plan for Fiscal Year 2015–16, which was entered into the minutes.

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7. Mr. Lokshin presented the Corporation's Annual Budget for Fiscal Year 2015–16, which was entered into the minutes.

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8. The Corporation's Annual Budget for Fiscal Year 2015–16 was discussed. A motion by Mr. Paseur to approve the budget and to authorize the Board of Directors to expend funds in accordance with the budget was seconded and passed without dissent.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:11 PM.

Approved on \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_.

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James Hare  
Secretary

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Kirill Lokshin  
President