

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

June 30, 2019, 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]
Kelly Doyle
Robert Fernandez
Peter Meyer
Kevin Payravi

Board Members Not Present: Emily Temple-Wood

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Lokshin at 1:14 PM.

1. A motion by Mr. Lokshin to approve the minutes of the May 4, 2019 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 American Library Association Annual Conference was discussed. The conference took place on June 20-25, and Wikimedia DC members in attendance participated in discussions on various topics, including collaboration with the Library of Congress, Wikidata, Linked Data for Production, OCLC, and WikiMedicine.
4. A proposed statement regarding the Wikimedia Foundation's enforcement of the Wikipedia Terms of Use was discussed. A motion by Mr. Fernandez to approve and publish the statement was seconded and passed without dissent.

[See Attachment B]

5. The Wiki Science Competition was discussed. Mr. Sadowski reported that the competition would be held again this year, and that he plans to participate in organizing it online.
6. WikiConference North America was discussed. The conference has been scheduled for November 8-11, 2019 in Boston, Massachusetts, and will be hosted by the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. The website for the conference is currently under development.

7. The next election of the Board of Directors was discussed. The election is scheduled to be held in September, and Mr. Lokshin, Ms. Temple-Wood, and Mr. Sadowski will be up for re-election.
8. Future events were discussed. Wikimedia DC will be supporting an Ada Lovelace Day edit-a-thon on October 8, potentially at the Smithsonian. Ms. Doyle is overseeing the arrangements.
9. The Board convened in Executive Session.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:47 PM.

Approved on: _____, _____.

Diane Shaw
Secretary

Kirill Lokshin
President

ATTACHMENT A

WIKIMEDIA DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

June 2019

SUMMARY

- Since the last meeting, we held 3 events with partner institutions, and have 7 more events in the pipeline.
- Fiscal year-to-date, we have recognized revenues of approximately \$59K and expenses of approximately \$96K. We currently hold approximately \$95K in cash, including approximately \$24K in unrestricted funds.

PROGRAMS

Institutional Partnership

Since the last meeting of the Board, Wikimedia DC has held 3 editing workshops and other collaborative events with institutional partners: an event with the National Archives on May 8; an event with the National Museum of American History on May 22; and an event with the Smithsonian American Art Museum on June 15.

We have scheduled 7 editing workshops and other collaborative events with institutional partners over the next several months: an event with the National Museum of American History on July 12; events with the Library of Congress on August 2-4 and October 5; an event with the Virginia Association of Museums on September 23; an event with the United States Army Center of Military History on September 26; an event with the University of Maryland on October 3; and an event with the National Air and Space Museum on October 8.

Leadership Development and Support

Wikimedia DC is continuing to support three externally-led projects: WikiConference North America, the 2018-19 Florida Librarians of Wikipedia Edit-a-thon project, and the Women in Red initiative.

FINANCE

Wikimedia DC currently has \$94,913.39 in cash, consisting of \$71,323.66 in restricted funds (which include grant funds associated with the Wiki Art Depiction Explorer and WikipediaSpace 2.0 projects, grant funds administered under the WikiConference North America, Florida Librarians of Wikipedia Edit-a-thons 2018-19, and Women in Red fiscal sponsorship agreements, and other restricted funds) and \$23,589.73 in unrestricted funds.

Since the beginning of the fiscal year, Wikimedia DC has recognized revenues of \$59,353.17, consisting of \$7,241.59 in restricted funds and \$52,111.58 in unrestricted funds. During the

same period, Wikimedia DC has recognized expenditures of \$96,201.78, consisting of \$92,485.86 of program costs and \$3,715.92 of administrative costs.

ATTACHMENT B

WIKIMEDIA DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA STATEMENT ON TERMS OF USE ENFORCEMENT

June 30, 2019

Wikimedia District of Columbia is deeply concerned by recent events that have occurred on the English Wikipedia, including community controversy regarding a ban imposed by the Wikimedia Foundation.

Protecting editors from harassment is crucial to the continued success of the Wikimedia movement. Many of us have been targets of harassment as a result of our contributions to the Wikimedia projects, and have witnessed harassment of our colleagues, and we are grateful to the Wikimedia Foundation's Trust & Safety team for their support in those incidents.

We make no judgement on the case at the center of the current controversy as the Foundation—as per long-standing practice to protect the privacy of all concerned—did not identify the specifics of the behavior publicly. We are not endorsing or opposing a specific case, policy, or process. However, in light of these events, we publicly affirm our support for the following principles:

- We support the Wikimedia Foundation's efforts in general to make the English Wikipedia welcoming and accessible to people of all backgrounds and gender identities.
- We believe there are circumstances where the Wikimedia Foundation should take action against individual editors who violate the Terms of Use when it is necessary to protect people of all backgrounds and gender identities.
- We support collaboration between the Foundation and the English Wikipedia community to inform the policies and processes surrounding these efforts.
- We oppose the use of discriminatory, racist, and homophobic language in all Wikimedia discussions, and encourage the community to avoid it, regardless of context or intent.

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Wikimedia District of Columbia