

WIKIMEDIA DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
Board of Directors Meeting

May 4, 2019, at 1:00 PM
Cove, 1666 Connecticut Avenue NW, Washington, DC

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

Board Members Not Present: Diane Shaw [Secretary]
Kelly Doyle
Emily Temple-Wood

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Lokshin at 1:15 PM.

1. A motion by Mr. Lokshin to appoint Mr. Meyer as the Acting Secretary for the duration of the meeting was seconded and passed without dissent.
2. A motion by Ms. Stephenson-Goodknight to approve the minutes of the December 2, 2018 meeting of the Board of Directors was seconded and passed without dissent.
3. A motion by Ms. Stephenson-Goodknight to approve the minutes of the December 2, 2018 meeting of the Membership was seconded and passed without dissent.
4. Mr. Lokshin submitted a written report on behalf of the Executive Committee. Recent events and committee activities were discussed.

[See Attachment A]

5. The funding available to the chapter and the possibilities for holding a GLAM boot camp or administrator boot camp were discussed. The chapter has budgeted for an event, but there are limited personnel resources available for organizing it, and it may be necessary to save the money for other programs. The Wikimedia Foundation is not currently running grant programs to support such activities, although small rapid grants are still available.
6. The Wikimedia Summit was discussed. Wikimedia DC representatives at the event were encouraged to explore the creation of a unified United States chapter. It is not clear what the implications of such an undertaking would be for the existing chapters and user groups, or what any specific path forward might look like.

7. The Wikipedia Art Depiction Explorer project was discussed. The project is funded by a Knight Foundation grant, and the Wikimedia DC is the fiscal sponsor. A motion by Mr. Lokshin to authorize the hiring of contractors for this project, as described in the project plan, was seconded and passed without dissent.
8. A motion by Mr. Lokshin to authorize a one-time paid maternity leave of 12 weeks was seconded and passed without dissent.
9. The chapter has been asked to vote in an election for two affiliate-selected seats of the Wikimedia Foundation Board of Trustees. The chapter may rank the candidates in tiers or one-by-one. After discussion of the candidates, not all of whom were known to the Board, a motion by Mr. Meyer to authorize Mr. Lokshin to vote on behalf of the chapter for three tiers of candidates (with Nataliia Tymkiv, Gerald Shields, and Christophe Henner in the first tier, Richard Knipel, Douglas Scott, and Maor Malul in the second tier, and all others in a third tier) was seconded and passed without dissent.
10. Ms. Stephenson-Goodknight noted that October 8 will be Ada Lovelace day, and that it would be a good occasion for an editing event. Possible partner organizations were discussed, and outreach tasks were informally delegated to members of the Board.
11. Ms. Stephenson-Goodknight requested that the chapter host a wiki for the Women in Red initiative. Technical tasks required to accomplish this goal were informally delegated to members of the Board.
12. Spam activity on the chapter wiki was discussed. Technical tasks required to prevent spam edits more effectively were informally delegated to members of the Board.
13. Fiscal sponsorships were discussed. The University of the Virgin Islands may ask the chapter to serve as fiscal sponsor for a grant for an editing event.
14. Possible partners on public policy matters were discussed.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:25 PM.

Approved on _____, _____.

Peter Meyer
Acting Secretary

Kirill Lokshin
President

ATTACHMENT A

WIKIMEDIA DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

May 2019

SUMMARY

- Since the last meeting, we held 16 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 \$85K. We currently hold approximately \$103K in cash, including approximately \$34K in unrestricted funds.

PROGRAMS

Institutional Partnership

Since the last meeting of the Board, Wikimedia DC has held 16 editing workshops and other collaborative events with institutional partners: an event with the Goethe-Institut Washington on December 6; an event with the Sumner School Museum & Archives on January 19; events with the Baltimore Museum of Industry on February 10 and March 3; events with the Smithsonian American Art Museum on February 17 and March 10; an event with the National Gallery of Art on February 23; an event with Gallaudet University on March 9; an event with the Smithsonian Libraries on March 13; an event with the Library of Congress on March 16; an event with the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts on March 21; an event with the National Museum of Women in the Arts on March 23; an event with the Smithsonian National Portrait Gallery on April 5; an event with the University of Maryland on April 6; an event with the National Woman's Party at the Belmont-Paul Women's Equality National Monument on April 13; an event with Ford's Theatre on April 16.

We have scheduled 7 editing workshops and other collaborative events with institutional partners over the next several months: an event with the National Archives on May 8; an event with the Smithsonian National Museum of American History on May 22; an event with the USDA Agricultural Research Service on June 21; events with the Library of Congress on August 2-4 and October 5; an event with the Virginia Association of Museums on September 23; and an event with the University of Maryland on October 3.

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.

Public Policy

Wikimedia DC partnered with the Wikimedia Foundation, Creative Commons USA, and the American University Washington College of Law's Program on Information Justice and Intellectual Property to host a public policy event on January 17. The event included presentations on the role of the public domain,

the new materials entering the public domain in 2019, and the impacts on Creative Commons and the Wikimedia projects and.

FINANCE

Wikimedia DC currently has \$103,114.23 in cash, consisting of \$68,823.66 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 2018, Florida Librarians of Wikipedia Edit-a-thons 2018-19, and Women in Red fiscal sponsorship agreements, and other restricted funds) and \$34,290.57 in unrestricted funds.

Since the beginning of the fiscal year, Wikimedia DC has recognized revenues of \$59,151.74, consisting of \$7,241.59 in restricted funds and \$51,910.15 in unrestricted funds. During the same period, Wikimedia DC has recognized expenditures of \$85,299.51, consisting of \$82,241.48 of program costs and \$3,058.03 of administrative costs.