

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

July 13, 2013

Wikimedia District of Columbia, 1629 K Street NW, Suite 300, Washington, DC

Board Members Present:           James Hare [President]  
  Kristin Anderson [Vice President]  
  Kirill Lokshin [Secretary]  
  Peter Meyer [Treasurer]  
  Nicholas Bashour  
  Katie Filbert

Board Members Not Present:       Kathryn Tinker

Guests:                             Dominic McDevitt-Parks [Cultural Partnerships Coordinator]

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Hare at 2:17 PM.

1. A motion by Mr. Lokshin to approve the Minutes of the June 1 meeting of the Board of Directors in the form previously distributed was seconded and passed without dissent.
2. Mr. Hare submitted a written report, which was entered into the Minutes:

In the past month we held several events in D.C., including the Legislative Data Meetup with the Cato Institute, the Field Notes Edit-a-Thon, and the Great American Wiknic at Meridian Hill Park. During the Wiknic several guests were interviewed by NPR for an upcoming web feature. I look forward to seeing that feature once it is published. Our priorities for the rest of the calendar year are Wiki Loves Monuments, Wikipedia Loves Libraries, and our annual membership meeting in October.

Wiki Loves Monuments is a particularly large undertaking, and I need your help. In addition to the technical aspect of running the photography contest—running the website and facilitating uploads—I would also like to see a series of photography expeditions held nationwide. These expeditions are part of the "Wikipedia Takes America" campaign. Shortly I will be reaching out to meetup organizers throughout the country. As far as our own local expedition goes, all of Washington's NRHP sites are photographed and on Wikipedia—I checked. Our event will likely need to be held well outside the city, so we should bear that in mind while planning. Suggestions are also welcome for our WLM finalists reception in the fall.

On a related note, I am pleased to announce that Freestock.ca, a free image repository, has sponsored Wikimedia DC in the amount of \$500 for Wiki Loves Monuments.

With regards to our infrastructure, the re-design of our website is for the time being complete, and I am looking to make sure that we have entries posted on our blog more frequently. Additionally, I am still researching the best contact management solution that will help us plan Wiki Loves Monuments and other events in the future.

3. Ms. Anderson submitted a written report, which was entered into the Minutes:

Our Great American Wiknic at Meridian Hill Park was a success! We were all pleasantly surprised when Meridian Hill Guitar Circle turned up and provided background music. We had several new folks in attendance, and opportunities for outreach with curious passers-by as well.

My other activities for the month were as follows:

Discussed a possible Siletz Dee-Ni Wikipedia with a language teacher from the Siletz Reservation at the Smithsonian Folklife Festival. Attended a Wikimedia DC Meetup & Dinner. We had four people—a respectable turnout, given how lovely the weather was outdoors. Recruited one new member for the Chapter.

4. Mr. Lokshin submitted a written report, which was entered into the Minutes:

As of June 1, Wikimedia DC has 57 members in good standing; this represents an increase by 2 new members since our last meeting.

We have entered into a Sponsorship Agreement with Freestock.ca in connection with the Wiki Loves Monuments 2013 USA contest. A copy of this agreement will accompany this report in the minutes.

[document attached]

5. Mr. Meyer submitted a written report, which was entered into the Minutes:

In this month we had grant expenses for two events, totalling about \$450. Before paying these I will consult the Board about some minor issues as this procedure is new.

We had ongoing expenses for the mailbox, meetup.com, rent, taxes, and transactions. We received a substantial donation for Wiki Loves Monuments.

I will consult the Board on whether we might loan money from one of our

bank accounts to another in order to reduce fees because one is small, and on how we can properly allocate costs to the Bootstrapping grant.

6. Mr. McDevitt-Parks submitted a written report, which was entered into the Minutes:

Hi all, here's a very quick round-up of my recent GLAM-Wiki activities and news (June and July). These are all okay for publication except the last two items (my SI meetings and hackathon plan), since those are still internal Smithsonian communications.

#### Smithsonian Editathons

We had a successful editathon by the SI Archives at NMNH. There will be another editathon on Friday at AAM. This will be the first one since the VisualEditor rolled out. I have also spoken to Diane Shaw (SI Libraries) who will be organizing an editathon in the fall (for Wikipedia Loves Libraries).

#### Schlesinger Library

I spoke in June with a reference librarian at the Schlesinger Library at Harvard (a grad school friend of mine) and she is interested in hosting an editathon or some other activity around Open Access Week (i.e. Wikipedia Loves Libraries). They had their first editathon this April. We are planning to talk again later this month.

#### DPLAfest

DPLA and friends are planning a DPLAfest in Boston during Open Access Week, and SJ Klein reached out to me and others to help plan. There is an opportunity to involve allied groups, especially local Wikipedians.

#### Multimedia roundtable

I participated in the WMF's multimedia roundtable on Google Hangout with other experienced users of multimedia on Wikimedia projects. They previewed a number of potential projects they may work on, including a media viewer for displaying images on-click and file notifications for changes/uses of files, and we gave feedback.

#### GLAMouts

We have held three GLAMouts—recorded Google Hangouts held each first Friday of the month to discuss happenings in the GLAM-Wiki world—and I have participated on-air and in organizing the last two GLAMouts to share DC-area (and beyond) news.

## GLAM-Wiki US Consortium

The GLAM-Wiki US Consortium is now a recognized Wikimedia-affiliate user group! Will Wikimedia DC sign up as a chapter member?

## Woodrow Wilson House

I spoke again with the new director of the Woodrow Wilson House, who I met several months ago. He's especially interested in crowdsourced mapping activities related to Wilson's travels and speeches, which may not fit well with Wikipedia, but I gave him some tips and suggested an initial editathon. No specific plans were made, though.

## American Historical Association

I will meet with the editor of the American Historical Society's magazine on Wednesday. Last winter, Lori and I collaborated on an article that they published.

## THATcamp

I held an editathon at THATcamp Prime in June, attended by about half a dozen people. This was heavy on one-on-one conversations and building awareness with academics, with not a lot of content outcomes.

## Meetings

As the Wikipedian in Residence at the Smithsonian, I have met so far with the webmasters working group, the SIRIS working group, the Collections Information Management Committee, the Folklife Center staff (and director), director of the SI Libraries (Nancy Gwinn), SI Archives staff (Effie and Meghan), Smithsonian American Art Museum staff (Georgina), the Undersecretary for Collections, and the Director of Web and New Media Strategies. I have upcoming meetings with the social media working group, the public affairs staff, and the Freer|Sackler staff.

## "hackSI"

We are hoping to pull off a Wikimedia hackathon at the Smithsonian, and I have laid out a project page for approval by my SI superiors. One of the main goals would be to make SI developers self-sufficient when it comes to technical needs on Wikimedia (db queries, analytics, etc.). I met online with Sumana to brainstorm invitees last week.

## Other GLAM developments:

- NLM editathon
- CHF residency and editathon
- METRO open data fellow/Wikipedian in Residence announced (no link yet)

7. The Corporation's Activity Report for the Third Quarter of Fiscal Year 2012–13 was discussed, and consideration of the report was postponed until the next meeting of the Board of Directors.
8. Plans for soliciting institutional donations of content were discussed.
9. Plans for member recruitment and retention were discussed.  
  
\* Mr. Meyer left the meeting \*
10. Plans for the strategic planning process were discussed.  
  
\* Mr. Bashour left the meeting \*
11. The date of the next meeting of the Board of Directors was set to August 24, 2013, at 2:00 PM, at the Corporation's offices at 1629 K Street NW, Suite 300.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:25 PM.

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

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Kirill Lokshin  
Secretary

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James Hare  
President