

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

June 27, 2020 at 1:00 PM
Conference Call

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

Board Members Not Present: Emily Temple-Wood

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Lokshin at 1:09 PM.

1. A motion by Mr. Lokshin to approve the minutes of the May 23, 2020 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 Wikimedia Movement Brand Project and its potential impact on Wikimedia DC were discussed. The project proposes to re-brand, and possibly re-name, the Wikimedia Foundation and related projects, as well as making changes to organizational and project logos and other visual identity elements. The names of affiliate organizations may or may not be required to change as a result. The proposed changes have been extensively discussed on Meta in a request for comments, and a survey on the proposed changes has been made available to affiliates to gather feedback before a planned Wikimedia Foundation Board of Trustees meeting in August. Ms. Stephenson-Goodknight will submit a survey response on behalf of Wikimedia DC. There is a Community Open Letter on Renaming (“the COLOR letter”) requesting a pause or stop to the rebranding process. A motion by Mr. Meyer to authorize Mr. Fernandez to sign the letter on behalf of Wikimedia DC was seconded and passed without dissent.
4. A proposed partnership with the World Health Organization was discussed. Mr. Meyer reported that the goal of the proposed partnership would be to create content for Wikipedia in multiple languages in conjunction with the Vaccine Safety Network (VSN). Wikimedia DC could provide training, possibly through a grant-funded contractor, to train WHO personnel in editing Wikipedia and Wikidata, contributing media to Wikimedia Commons, and using relevant tools and metrics. NIOSH is already working

with WHO and did a similar project in 2019 for World Hearing Day. Mr. Meyer and Mr. Sadowski will discuss the proposal further with their contacts at WHO and VSN to determine how to proceed.

5. The 2019 Wiki Science Competition was discussed. Mr. Sadowski reported that the 2019 winners of the competition in the United States had been selected, and that their submissions were available to view and share on social media. Wikimedia DC is the sponsor of the competition and will send out prizes to the winners.
6. The upcoming election of the Board of Directors was discussed. Members will be sent an email to alert them that the paper ballot will be mailed to their physical address, and will have the option to return the paper ballot via the mail or by sending an electronic copy of their ballot to the Election Committee.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:55 PM.

Approved on _____, _____.

Diane Shaw
Secretary

Kirill Lokshin
President

ATTACHMENT A

WIKIMEDIA DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

June 2020

SUMMARY

- Since the last meeting, we held 4 events with partner institutions.
- Fiscal year-to-date, we have recognized revenues of approximately \$52K and expenses of approximately \$58K. We currently hold approximately \$73K in cash, including approximately \$25K in unrestricted funds.

PROGRAMS

Institutional Partnership

Since the last meeting of the Board, Wikimedia DC has held 4 editing workshops and other collaborative events with institutional partners: an event with the Alexandria Public Library on May 26; an event with Mastercard on June 12; and events with the Smithsonian Institution on June 16 and June 25.

FINANCE

Wikimedia DC currently has \$72,534.46 in cash, consisting of \$47,323.66 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 \$25,210.80 in unrestricted funds.

Since the beginning of the fiscal year, Wikimedia DC has recognized revenues of \$51,729.90, all in the form of unrestricted funds. During the same period, Wikimedia DC has recognized expenditures of \$57,934.62, consisting of \$54,591.59 of program costs and \$3,343.03 of administrative costs.