

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

May 23, 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

Board Members Not Present: Kevin Payravi
Emily Temple-Wood

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Lokshin at 1:05 PM.

1. A motion by Mr. Lokshin to approve the minutes of the September 7, 2019 meeting of the Board of Directors was seconded and passed without dissent.
2. A motion by Mr. Lokshin to approve the minutes of the December 7, 2019 meeting of the Board of Directors was seconded and passed without dissent.
3. A motion by Mr. Meyer to approve the minutes of the December 7, 2019 Annual Meeting was seconded and passed without dissent.
4. Mr. Lokshin submitted a written report on behalf of the Executive Committee.

[See Attachment A]

5. A proposed amendment to the Election Policy was discussed. A motion by Ms. Stephenson-Goodknight to adopt the amendment was seconded and passed without dissent.

[See Attachment B]

6. A petition to the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) to encourage copyright law changes to allow digital preservation of copyright-protected material was discussed. The American Library Association and Creative Commons are already on record in support of the petition, as are several Wikimedia chapters, but the Wikimedia Foundation has not signed on yet. The Board asked Mr. Meyer to contact Stephen LaPorte at the Wikimedia Foundation to discuss the petition. A motion by Mr. Fernandez

to authorize any member of the Public Policy Committee to sign the petition on behalf of Wikimedia DC was seconded and passed without dissent.

7. The impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on Wikimedia DC programs and other Wikimedia events was discussed. Virtual training sessions led by the Wikimedia DC Institutional Partnerships Manager are continuing to take place. The organizers of WikiConference North America have been discussing whether to hold an online-only event this year, or to postpone it to 2021, when it may be possible to meet in person. Wikimania 2020 in Bangkok has been rescheduled to the summer of 2021. Plans to hold a Wikimedia DC boot camp will be postponed until further notice.
8. The 2020 Wikimedia Summit and the Wikimedia 2030 Movement Strategy Recommendations were discussed. The planned summit in Berlin has been cancelled, and there are currently no plans to reschedule it. The movement strategy recommendations have been published; the recommendations include the creation of a universal code of conduct for the Wikimedia projects.
9. The Wikimedia 2030 Movement Brand Project was discussed. A proposal to change the branding of the Wikimedia Foundation is under consideration, and the Foundation's legal department is looking into various options. A recommendation is expected sometime in August 2020. The proposed branding change is not expected to include any renaming of Wikimedia projects, such as Wikimedia Commons and Wikisource.
10. A planned increase in the size of the Wikimedia Foundation Board of Trustees was discussed.
11. The Wiki Loves Science competition was discussed. Mr. Sadowski is drafting an announcement of the results of the 2019 competition.
12. A potential partnership with the World Health Organization (WHO) was discussed. The Credibility Coalition is interested in supporting a WikiCred initiative, possibly including a Wikipedian-in-Residence, to work with WHO on topics such as COVID-19 and the Vaccine Safety Net (VSN). The Wikimedia DC Institutional Partnerships Manager is a potential resource to support this work. Ms. Stephenson-Goodknight will contact the Credibility Coalition to discuss how Wikimedia DC can support the initiative.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:46 PM.

Approved on _____, _____.

Diane Shaw
Secretary

Kirill Lokshin
President

ATTACHMENT A

WIKIMEDIA DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

May 2020

SUMMARY

- Since the last meeting, we held 14 events with partner institutions, and have 3 more events in the pipeline.
- Fiscal year-to-date, we have recognized revenues of approximately \$27K and expenses of approximately \$50K. We currently hold approximately \$55K in cash, including approximately \$8K in unrestricted funds.

PROGRAMS

Institutional Partnership

Since the last meeting of the Board, Wikimedia DC has held 14 editing workshops and other collaborative events with institutional partners: events with the National Academy of Sciences on January 10 and February 21-22; an event with the Arlington Public Library on January 14; an event with the National Museum of American History on January 28; events with the Library of Congress on February 4 and February 8; events with the National Agricultural Library on February 14, March 20, and March 24; events with the Smithsonian American Art Museum on February 28 and March 13; an event with the Hirshhorn Museum and Sculpture Garden on February 29; an event with the National Portrait Gallery on March 9; and an event with Boston University on April 23.

We have scheduled 3 editing workshops and other collaborative events with institutional partners over the next several months: an event with the Alexandria Public Library on May 26; an event with Mastercard on June 12; and an event with the Smithsonian Institution on June 16.

FINANCE

Wikimedia DC currently has \$55,266.60 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 \$7,942.94 in unrestricted funds. The majority of restricted funds currently held by Wikimedia DC are due to be returned to the associated funder, and it is anticipated that this will occur within the next 30 days.

Since the beginning of the fiscal year, Wikimedia DC has recognized revenues of \$26,571.63, all in the form of unrestricted funds. During the same period, Wikimedia DC has recognized

expenditures of \$50,044.21, consisting of \$47,159.92 of program costs and \$2,884.29 of administrative costs.

ATTACHMENT B

The Election Policy is amended as follows:

1. The following text is added as Article III, Paragraph 4:
 4. Reporting. The Election Committee shall report on the results of each election in the form of a statement as described in Article VII, Paragraph 5 of this Policy, and shall publish said statement, the ballot delivered to the members, and any exhibits to said ballot following the conclusion of the election.
2. The title of Article IV is replaced with "CANDIDATE ELIGIBILITY".
3. The title of Article V is replaced with "CANDIDATE DISCLOSURES".
4. In Article VII, Paragraph 1, the text "twenty-four (24) hours" is replaced with the text "forty-eight (48) hours".
5. In Article VII, Paragraph 2, the text "twenty-four (24) hours" is replaced with the text "forty-eight (48) hours".
6. In Article VII, Paragraph 5, the text "forty-eight (48) hours" is replaced with the text "seventy-two (72) hours".