

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

November 15, 2021 at 8:00 p.m.  
Conference Call

Board Members Present: Kirill Lokshin [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 at 8:13 p.m.

A motion by Mr. Lokshin to approve the minutes for the Board of Directors meetings held on April 17, 2021 and June 26, 2021 was seconded and passed without dissent.

No Committee reports were submitted.

Scheduled business:

1. Mr. Lokshin notified the Board that he would be resigning as president and from the Board at the expiration of his term, and that a new president should be chosen following the upcoming Board election.
2. A motion was made that Mr. Meyer would serve as vice president beginning immediately (replacing Rosie Stephenson-Goodknight, who resigned from the Board earlier in the year). The motion was seconded and passed without dissent.
3. The WMDC annual plan and draft budget was discussed. The main focus and expense is for the Institutional Partnerships Manager. Mr. Lokshin encouraged the Board to look into the potential of getting a Wikimedia Foundation grant to help supplement the budget. He also recommended that the Board should recruit or appoint another Board member who is an experienced fundraiser.

For 2022, the annual plan aims to have at least 20 collaborating institutional partners. WMDC-sponsored events will be focused at least half of the time on diversity-related

topics. More attention will be paid to keeping track of metrics. The Board should prepare quarterly reports that can be provided to support grant proposals. WMDC used to produce quarterly reports, for example in September 2015, and this is considered a good practice. Goals include growing WMDC membership by 10%, and hosting one social event each quarter. The Board is also encouraged to survey WMDC members about their Wiki-related interests and which events or initiatives they would like to see.

Mr. Sadowski noted that the budget includes funding for awards for the winners of the Wiki Science Competition. For the upcoming competition, the Board will offer 5 prizes of \$200.00 each, for a total of \$1000.00.

Mr. Lokshin made a motion for the Board to approve the new annual plan and draft budget, and the motion passed without dissent.

4. In the new year, the Board can discuss coming up with a new strategic plan. The previous plan covered the period 2016–2021.
5. WMDC election planning: the nomination period for the annual election will be November 17–December 1, 2021. The election period will be December 2-30, 2021. The secretary will mail the paper ballot and draft budget to the members for approval. An option will be available for members to submit their ballots via email. The nominations for the new members of the Board of Directors will be to replace Mr. Lokshin, Mr. Sadowski and Ms. Temple-Wood. The plan is to elect three Board members and to appoint three more. The appointees will be selected by the Board at the next meeting. Mr. Lokshin moved that the Board approve the election resolution, which passed without dissent.
6. Mr. Lokshin gave an update on the process to renew WMDC's 501(c)(3) tax status with the Internal Revenue Service. He has been waiting for the IRS's response and a reinstatement letter for official approval. He noted that it is not unusual for the process to take several months, particularly during the pandemic.
7. The next Board meeting will be scheduled in early 2022. A decision on when to hold the annual membership meeting will be made by the new Board.

The meeting finished at 9:18 p.m.