

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

April 17, 2021 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: Kelly Doyle
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 February 27, 2021 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. Plans for WikiConference North America were discussed. Mr. Meyer reported that the website for WCNA 2021 has been created, and various committees are being organized. There is a plan to provide real-time translation. The translation process used at the upcoming online Wikimania 2021 conference could serve as a model for WCNA.

Approximately \$24,500 will be provided by the Wikimedia Foundation, and a bit more fundraising may supplement that. Most of the costs are likely to be known in advance and will probably not require special approval; likely expenses would be for organizing Wiknics, childcare expenses, and scholarships. These can be paid in advance as grants, or reimbursed following the conference. Grant applications will be created ahead of the conference, and all reimbursements will be documented.

4. The Vaccine Safety Net Initiative was discussed. Mr. Meyer reported that there have been monthly edit-a-thons for the initiative, including ones held in Spanish in collaboration with Wikimedia Mexico, and a Malayalam language edit-a-thon is to be held on May 8, 2021. A Vaccine Safety Net edit-a-thon will be organized for WCNA too. There is no funding yet for creating a manual, but some funding has been supplied for the events. Possible funding could be sought from KnowScience or WikiCred or a similar organization.

5. Mr. Fernandez reported that he has drafted a webpage for the 100 DC Women editing contest, and is seeking jurors. Editors who create well-referenced new articles or provide significant updates to existing articles in English Wikipedia will be eligible. Postcards from Wikimedia DC GLAM partners, such as the Smithsonian, might be offered as prizes for the contest. Mr. Fernandez has supplied a list of red links for possible new articles. The contest can be promoted through the upcoming WALRUS call and through Telegram, as well as through Wikimedia DC's mailing list. The contest period may be extended throughout 2021, and other topics could be added. The Wikimedia DC Institutional Partnerships Manager may be able to do a kick-off training session online for the contest.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:53 PM.

Approved on _____, _____.

Diane Shaw
Secretary

Kirill Lokshin
President

ATTACHMENT A

WIKIMEDIA DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

April 2021

SUMMARY

- Since the last meeting, we held 12 events with partner institutions.
- Fiscal year-to-date, we have recognized revenues of approximately \$54K and expenses of approximately \$38K. We currently hold approximately \$53K in cash, including approximately \$21K in unrestricted funds.

PROGRAMS

Institutional Partnership

Since the last meeting of the Board, Wikimedia DC has held 12 editing workshops and other collaborative events with institutional partners: a joint event with the National Museum of African American History and Culture and blackcomputeHER on March 1; an event with the National Museum of Women in the Arts on March 6; a joint event with the Swedish Embassy to the United States, the Swedish Consulate in New York, and the Swedish Permanent Mission to the United Nations on March 8; an event with the University of Maryland on March 9; an event with the American Archive of Public Broadcasting on March 11; an event with the Anne Arundel County Public Library on March 11; an event with the National Agricultural Library on March 23; an event with the Smithsonian Institution Archives, the Biodiversity Heritage Library, and the Smithsonian American Women's History Initiative on March 25; an event with the White House Gender Policy Council and the White House Domestic Policy Council on March 29; an event with the World Health Organization on April 2; and events with American University on April 13 and April 16.

We are working to schedule multiple additional events with the DC History Center, the National Agricultural Library, the National Museum of the American Indian, the Smithsonian Institution, the World Health Organization, Mastercard, as well as other potential partners.

FINANCE

Wikimedia DC currently has \$53,222.98 in cash, consisting of \$31,938.08 in restricted funds (which include unspent grant funds associated with the Wiki Art Depiction Explorer project and restricted funds administered on behalf of WikiConference North America, WikiWomen's User Group, and Women in Red) and \$21,284.90 in unrestricted funds.

Since the beginning of the fiscal year, Wikimedia DC has recognized revenues of \$54,379.88, consisting of \$200.00 in restricted funds and \$54,179.88 in unrestricted funds. During the same period, Wikimedia DC has recognized expenditures of \$38,252.52, consisting of \$34,962.07 in program costs and \$3,290.45 in administrative costs.