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

December 7, 2019 at 12:30 PM Cove, 1666 Connecticut Avenue NW, Washington, DC

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 12:30 PM.

- 1. A motion by Mr. Meyer to approve the minutes of the November 9, 2019 meeting of the Board of Directors was seconded and passed without dissent.
- 2. Mr. Meyer submitted a written report on behalf of the Election Committee.

[See Attachment A]

- 3. A motion by Mr. Fernandez to thank Ms. Shaw for her work in preparing both sets of 2019 election mailings was seconded and passed without dissent.
- 4. A motion by Mr. Lokshin to appoint Ms. Doyle, Mr. Fernandez, and Ms. Stephenson-Goodknight to the Board of Directors was seconded and passed without dissent.
- 5. A motion by Mr. Lokshin to elect Mr. Lokshin as President, Ms. Stephenson-Goodknight as Vice President, Ms. Shaw as Secretary, and Mr. Sadowski as Treasurer was seconded and passed without dissent.
- 6. A motion by Ms. Stephenson-Goodknight to appoint Mr. Sadowski as the Wikimedia DC representative to the 2020 Wikimedia Summit in Berlin, Germany was seconded and passed without dissent.
- 7. Ways to recruit new members and retain current members, including the creation of a flyer to distribute at edit-a-thons and other events, were discussed. The Wikimedia DC homepage could also feature a banner or other obvious graphic feature to encourage people to join as members.

- 8. Ideas for branding and marketing Wikimedia DC, including the selection of a logo that could be used for stickers, polo shirts, hoodies, and other items were discussed. The Wikimedia DC Institutional Partnerships Manager could be given one or two shirts to wear at official events; and the shirts could be offered for sale to the Board and other members. Mr. Payravi and Ms. Stephenson-Goodknight offered to investigate options for vendors and pricing.
- 9. Plans for holding another Wiki Boot Camp were discussed. The Credibility Coalition, which generously helped to support last year's WikiConference North America, could potentially be interested in becoming involved, particularly if the theme focused on reliability of information and/or journalism. The date and location of the Wiki Boot Camp will be selected at a later meeting; in the meantime, Ms. Stephenson-Goodknight, Mr. Payravi, and Mr. Lih will prepare some preliminary plans for the event.
- 10. Ideas for future events were discussed. It may be possible to obtain promotional items to give to attendees, such as postcards featuring historic photographs from Wikimedia Commons or institutional partners (for example, suffragette images from the Smithsonian's American Women's History Initiative).

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Diane Shaw Secretary		_
Kirill Lokshin President		<u> </u>

The meeting was adjourned at 1:50 PM.

ATTACHMENT A

The following constitutes a report from the Election Committee regarding an action taken by ballot by the members of Wikimedia District of Columbia.

The ballot provided to the members contained two questions:

- (1) Who shall be elected to the Board of Directors of Wikimedia District of Columbia?
- (2) Shall the Board of Directors of Wikimedia District of Columbia be authorized to expend funds in accordance with the Annual Budget for Fiscal Year 2019–20 as shown in Exhibit A?

We distributed ballots to members in September 2019 according to our Election Policy and the relevant Board resolution, and received 12 back. This did not meet our quorum requirement.

The Board approved a new election by resolution. We distributed ballots in November 2019 according to the new policy. The new ballots had the same questions. A total of 18 of the new ballots were received, 14 by mail and 4 by email to the committee. The number of ballots received satisfies the quorum requirement.

On Question 1, the ballots contained the following votes:

Kirill Lokshin -18 votes (100%) John Sadowski - 18 votes (100%) Emily Temple-Wood - 17 votes (94.4%)

There being three open seats on the Board in this election, Kirill Lokshin, John Sadowski, and Emily Temple-Wood are hereby elected as Directors for a term of two years, effective immediately.

On Question 2, 18 ballots (100%) contained a "YES" vote, and no ballots contained a "NO" vote. This meets the majority requirement for Question 2 (50%). Therefore, the Board of Directors is authorized to expend funds in accordance with the Annual Budget for Fiscal Year 2019–20 as shown in Exhibit A to the ballot.

Certified on December 7, 2019.

Peter B. Meyer Chair of the Election Committee