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

December 5, 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: Kelly Doyle

Emily Temple-Wood

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Lokshin at 1:15 PM.

- 1. A motion by Mr. Lokshin to approve the minutes of the October 31, 2020 meeting of the Board of Directors was seconded and passed without dissent.
- 2. A motion by Mr. Meyer to approve the minutes of the November 16, 2020 meeting of the Board of Directors was seconded and passed without dissent.
- 3. Mr. Lokshin submitted a written report on behalf of the Executive Committee.

[See Attachment A]

- 4. Institutional partnership activities and events were discussed. Wikimedia DC expects to continue holding only virtual activities through the spring and summer of 2021 because of the pandemic. It is expected that there will be enough virtual edit-a-thons and training workshops to keep the Institutional Partnerships Manager fully engaged.
- 5. Plans for WikiConference North America 2020 were discussed. Mr. Meyer and Ms. Stephenson-Goodknight are supporting the planning of this year's conference, which will be held virtually from December 11 to December 13. Wikimedia Canada plans to offer sessions in French and various indigenous languages, and Wikimedia Mexico plans to offer sessions in Spanish. Wikimedians from the Caribbean are also expected to participate.

The conference will include lightning talks and affiliate presentations. A virtual culture crawl will take place on the afternoon of December 11. Virtual receptions will be held on both Friday and Saturday evenings using a social chat room application.

- Advance registration for the conference will not be required. There may be some funding available from the Wikimedia Foundation to cover attendees' childcare or similar costs.
- 6. Plans for Wikipedia's 20th anniversary were discussed. Various affiliates and other groups are planning to host activities to celebrate Wikipedia's 20th birthday in January. Wikimedia DC has not planned any events for January, but may organize anniversary-related events later in the year.
- 7. Plans for Public Domain Day were discussed. Mr. Fernandez, Mr. Meyer and Ms. Stephenson-Goodknight will evaluate options for organizing a virtual program, potentially in collaboration with another affiliate or with American University.
- 8. Plans for Women's History Month were discussed. Mr. Fernandez has identified several worklists that could be used for edit-a-thons or other events.
- 9. Plans for the Wiki Science Competition calendar were discussed. Mr. Sadowski is finalizing the selection of photographs and writing the captions for the calendar; he will advertise the availability of the calendar at WikiConference North America and will investigate other marketing opportunities.
- 10. Plans for the 2020 Annual Meeting were discussed. The meeting will be virtual, and will be held on Sunday, December 6. Mr. Lokshin will prepare announcement text for the awards to be presented at the meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:59 PM.

Approved on		
Diane Shaw		
Secretary		
Kirill Lokshin President		_

ATTACHMENT A

WIKIMEDIA DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

December 2020

SUMMARY

- Since the last meeting, we held 3 events with partner institutions, and have 2 more events in the pipeline.
- Fiscal year-to-date, we have recognized revenues of approximately \$25K and expenses of approximately \$11K. We currently hold approximately \$52K in cash, including approximately \$20K in unrestricted funds.

PROGRAMS

Institutional Partnership

Since the last meeting of the Board, Wikimedia DC has held 3 editing workshops and other collaborative events with institutional partners: an event with the World Health Organization on November 5; an event with the American Archive of Public Broadcasting on November 12; and an event with the National Agricultural Library on November 12.

We have scheduled 2 editing workshops and other collaborative events with institutional partners over the next several months: an event with the Smithsonian American Art Museum on December 11; and an event with the National Museum of Women in the Arts on March 6.

FINANCE

Wikimedia DC currently has \$51,676.52 in cash, consisting of \$31,738.08 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 and Women in Red) and \$19,938.44 in unrestricted funds.

Since the beginning of the fiscal year, Wikimedia DC has recognized revenues of \$25,299.20, all in the form of unrestricted funds. During the same period, Wikimedia DC has recognized expenditures of \$10,728.30, consisting of \$10,158.88 of program costs and \$569.42 of administrative costs.