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

October 8, 2017, at 1:00 PM Cove, 1817 M Street NW, Washington, DC

Board Members Present: Kirill Lokshin [President]

James Hare [Secretary] John Sadowski [Treasurer]

Robert Fernandez

Peter Meyer Diane Shaw

Rosie Stephenson-Goodknight

Board Members Not Present: Emily Temple-Wood [Vice President]

Kelly Doyle

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 August 6 meeting of the Board of Directors in the form previously distributed was seconded and passed without dissent.
- 2. Mr. Lokshin submitted a written report on behalf of the Executive Committee.

[See Attachment A]

- 3. Mr. Hare reported on behalf of the Election Committee that three members were elected to the Board of Directors and that the annual budget was approved.
- 4. Mr. Lokshin moved to appoint Kelly Doyle, Robert Fernandez, and Rosie Stephenson-Goodknight to the Board of Directors. The motion was seconded and passed without dissent.
- 5. Mr. Lokshin moved to elect Kirill Lokshin as President, Rosie Stephenson-Goodknight as Vice President, James Hare as Secretary, and John Sadowski as Treasurer. The motion was seconded and passed without dissent.
- 6. The disposal of fixed assets was discussed. A consensus was reached to ask user groups in the United States if they have any interest in Wikimedia District of Columbia's fully depreciated assets.
- 7. The planning of the annual meeting was discussed. Budget and program considerations were

discussed, including an idea to schedule an edit-a-thon during the meeting. Mr. Hare made a motion was made to authorize the President to schedule the annual meeting at his discretion with input from other Board members. The motion was seconded and approved without dissent.

- 8. The annual awards were discussed. A motion to award the Distinguished Service Award to Julie Burton and Soraya L. Chemaly, and to award the Volunteer of the Year Award to Kevin Payravi, was seconded and passed without dissent.
- 9. Previous and upcoming events were discussed, including measuring progress against our goals, evolution of our programs, and WikiConference North America.
- 10. The Wikimedia strategic direction was discussed. A motion by Mr. Sadowski to approve the strategic direction as written and to authorize Mr. Sadowski to endorse the strategic direction on Wikimedia District of Columbia's behalf was seconded and passed without dissent.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:38 PM.

#### ATTACHMENT A

# Executive Committee Report October 2017

#### **SUMMARY**

- Since the last meeting, we held 7 events with partner institutions, and have 9 more events in the pipeline.
- We currently have approximately \$109K in cash, including approximately \$59K in unrestricted funds.

#### **PROGRAMS**

### *Institutional Partnership:*

Since the last meeting of the Board, Wikimedia DC has held five edit-a-thons and other collaborative editing events with institutional partners: an edit-a-thon with the Textile Museum at George Washington University on August 10; an edit-a-thon with the Heurich House Museum on August 22; an edit-a-thon with West Virginia University on September 20; an edit-a-thon with President Lincoln's Cottage on September 22; an edit-a-thon with the Smithsonian American Art and Portrait Gallery Library on September 29. We additionally held two non-editing events with institutional partners: the DC History for All Volunteer Fair at the Anacostia Community Museum on September 23; and a panel at West Virginia University on September 26.

We have scheduled six edit-a-thons and other collaborative editing events with institutional partners over the next several months: an edit-a-thon with West Virginia University on October 9; an edit-a-thon with the National Archives on October 11; an edit-a-thon with the National Trust for Historic Preservation on October 20; an edit-a-thon with the Laurel Historical Society on October 21; an edit-a-thon with the American Statistical Association on November 11; and an edit-a-thon with the Embassy of Sweden on November 17. We additionally scheduled one non-editing event with institutional partners: a networking event at the Historical Society of Washington, DC on November 3.

There are two additional events which are in an advanced planning stage but which have not yet been firmly scheduled: an edit-a-thon with the Virginia Association of Museums in March; and an edit-a-thon with the National Institutes of Health in March. We are additionally discussing potential events with Ford's Theatre, the Holocaust Museum, the Arlington Historical Society, Arlington Public Library, the DC Government Office of Historic Preservation, Mount Vernon, the Women's History Museum, and the Jamestown-Yorktown Historical Society.

## **FINANCE**

Wikimedia DC currently has \$108,887.63 in cash, consisting of \$50,252.26 in restricted funds (which include unspent funds from our Simple Annual Plan Grant for the prior fiscal year, as well as funds administered under the Art+Feminism 2017, USF SOLIS 2017, and WikiConference North America 2016 fiscal sponsorship agreements) and \$58,635.37 in unrestricted funds.