

Wikimedia Foundation* Board of Trustees:

Why should you care?

Прострочені підведення підсумків у ру-вікі [ред. | Додати тему]

Є в ру-вікі така сторінка [ru:Категория:Википедия:Просроченные подведения итогов по удалению страниц](#). Там на першій позиції, вже більше року, з 19 квітня 2015 наш земляк [ru:Тимошенко, Максим Олегович](#).

Чи може WMF Board вплинути на неподобство, коли підсумки по живих людях не підводяться більше року, тим самим завдаючи таким людям моральну шкоду?
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This request is from a Ukrainian Wikipedian, asking if the WMF board can influence Russian wikipedians to take care of their long overdue (more than a year now) deletion requests

And the answer is...

What does the WMF board not do?

The WMF Board of trustees does not...

- ...directly intervene with community decisions (like handling long overdue deletion requests on a certain wiki)
- ...rule on content (WMF Board members cannot influence the decision to keep, modify, or delete articles or photos)

Read more here: https://wikimediafoundation.org/wiki/Bylaws#ARTICLE_IV_-_THE_BOARD_OF_TRUSTEES

The WMF Board of trustees does not...

- ...act as a court of appeal (if your or your affiliate's grant proposal was not funded, you should not go to WMF board to get even with the Resources team; likewise, disputes between users and affiliates are not settled by the Board either)

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The WMF Board of Trustees does not...

- ...know all the Movement history. Neither as a group, nor as individuals
- ...follow all communities discussions, all the time
- ...etc

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So, what *does* the WMF board do?



The **Board of Trustees** oversees the Wikimedia Foundation and its work,
as its ultimate corporate authority

Read more here: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wikimedia_Foundation

Well, that cleared it up!

So, the Board oversees the governance of Wikimedia Foundation, how its mission -
to empower and engage people around the world to collect and develop educational content under a free license or in the public domain, and to disseminate it effectively and globally -
is accomplished, and what it needs to do or change to make more progress on it

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Resolutions

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This page lists all resolutions approved by the Wikimedia Foundation **Board of Trustees** since 2006. You might also be interested in seeing the **meeting minutes** or a **list of public Foundation policies**. See below a brief explanation to **understand resolutions**.

A copy of these resolutions is **available on Meta** for comments and easier translation.

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- 2016-7-23: [Appointing Stephen LaPorte as Interim Secretary](#)
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- 2016-6-29: [Approving the Endowment Advisory Board Operations](#)
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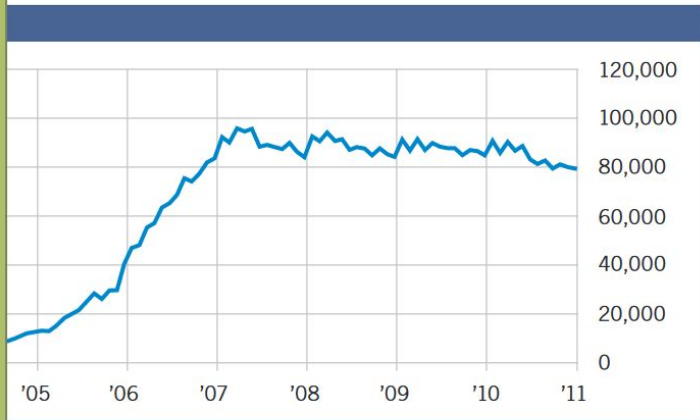
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The WMF Board of Trustees...

- ...approves a long-term strategic plan
 - in April 2009 a long-term strategic planning process for the Foundation was initiated
 - October 15, 2010 the Wikimedia 2010-15 strategy plan was approved, including the Visual Editor project, emphasis on mobile technology, and the expansion of WMF staff to create community-facing departments

...mature Wikimedia projects such as the English or German Wikipedia.¹⁰ It is, however, that the less-mature Wikimedia projects will struggle to grow further, as their pool of editors expands.



...and plateauing of active Wikipedia editors
...h December 2010.¹¹

...gments of the world's population do not edit the Wikimedia projects
...onate to their real-world numbers. The people who write the Wikimedia

Through 2015, the Wikimedia Foundation will:

- 1. Encourage the health and growth of Wikimedia communities and the projects they sustain.**
 - Develop new features and tools, such as a rich-text editor, enhanced navigation, and social functionality, to make editing easier and more fun.
 - Support the recruitment and acculturation of newer contributors by encouraging a welcoming environment on the Wikimedia projects, as well as supporting community leaders who are eager to serve as recruiters, guides and mentors for newer volunteers.
 - Encourage diversity by conducting outreach among groups that have the potential to bring new expertise to
- 2. Expand Wikimedia's global footprint through catalytic investments and chapter support.**
 - Create products and services that support affiliation and excellence among Wikimedians.
 - Design and deploy catalyst teams to pilot activities spurring growth in readership and editing in the high-priority areas of **India, Brazil,** and the Arabic-speaking areas of the **Middle East and North Africa.**
 - Support Wikimedia chapters with financial or other assistance to enable them to serve their local Wikimedia communities effectively, and contribute to the health and growth of the overall

The WMF Board of Trustees...

- ...approves policies. And the policies “may not be circumvented, eroded, or ignored by Wikimedia Foundation officers or staff nor local policies of any Wikimedia project”
 - New privacy policy (2014)
 - Biographies of living people (April 2009)
 - Licensing policy (2007)
 - etc

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Resolution [edit]

Whereas the mission of the Wikimedia Foundation is to "empower and engage people around the world to collect and develop educational content under a *free content license*,"

1. All projects are expected to host only content which is under a Free Content License, or which is otherwise free as recognized by the 'Definition of Free Cultural Works' as referenced above.
2. In addition, with the exception of Wikimedia Commons, each project community may develop and adopt an EDP. Non-free content used under an EDP must be identified in a machine-readable format so that it can be easily identified by users of the site as well as re-users.
3. Such EDPs must be minimal. Their use, with limited exception, should be to illustrate historically significant events, to include identifying protected works such as logos, or to complement (within narrow limits) articles about copyrighted contemporary works. An EDP may not allow material where we can reasonably expect someone to upload a freely licensed file for the same purpose, such as is the case for almost all portraits of living notable individuals. Any content used under an EDP must be replaced with a freely licensed work whenever one is available which will serve the same educational purpose.
4. Media used under EDPs are subject to deletion if they lack an applicable rationale. They must be used only in the context of other freely licensed content.
5. For the projects which currently have an EDP in place, the following action shall be taken:
 - As of March 23, 2007, all new media uploaded under unacceptable licenses (as defined above) and lacking an exemption rationale should be deleted, and existing media under such licenses should go through a discussion process where it is determined whether such a rationale exists; if not, they should be deleted as well.
6. For the projects which currently do not have an EDP in place, the following action shall be taken:
 - As of March 23, 2007, any newly uploaded files under an unacceptable license shall be deleted.
 - The Foundation resolves to assist all project communities who wish to develop an EDP with their process of developing it.
 - By March 23, 2008, all existing files under an unacceptable license as per the above must either be accepted under an EDP, or shall be deleted.

Passed with 7 supporting, 23 March 2007.

The WMF Board of Trustees...

- ...officially recognizes chapters and thematic orgs
 - e.g. Wikimedia Armenia was recognized as an official Wikimedia chapter unanimously in March 2013
- ...can have ideas... and change its mind!
 - e.g. in June 2011 it proposed to create a personal image hiding feature; eventually the BoT dropped the idea

The WMF Board of Trustees...

- ...decides on what persistent problems we want to dedicate our time, efforts and resources to solving
 - Gender Gap (both in contributors and content/coverage)
 - Harassment, especially by established contributors, is still tolerated on many of the projects
 - Enabling mobile contributions
 - etc

So, what else might the WMF board do?

The WMF Board of Trustees should...

- ...improve its own work
 - [[Board governance committee]] will be working on that for the next ~~12~~10 months
- ...commit to more transparency
 - At the beginning of 2016 a page [[Wikimedia Foundation transparency gap]] was created to identify the issues, and the Board's lacking transparency is among them

The WMF Board of Trustees should...

- ...foster the creation of a strategy for the movement
 - one of the priorities for 2016
[[[mailarchive:wikimedia-l/2016-June/084627.html](mailto:wikimedia-l/2016-June/084627.html)]]
- ...make sure that we have means to support the operations and activities of the Wikimedia projects in perpetuity
 - December 9, 2015: Establishment of Endowment

The WMF Board of trustees should...

- ...work on other “strategic” things, like...
 - Active volunteer engagement with questions and tasks facing the board is welcome!

Questions so far?

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Issues to discuss

- Transparency and Communication
- Strategy / WMF identity
- Movement Affiliations