

Commons Photographers User Group Board Meeting

Dates: Saturday, February 3, 2024

Board Members Present:

- Suyash
- Ailura
- Shreya
- Irvin
- Aleksey
- Ayokanmioye
- Kingsley
- Bright (Advisor)



Agenda Items:

1. Office bearer election.
2. 8th Virtual Meeting date and time - Suyash
3. Partnership with Wiki Loves Africa 2024 - Suyash
4. Resource person directory - Suyash
5. Board internal communication channel- Suyash
6. Anything else

1. Office Bearer Election:

The board members reviewed the roles and responsibilities of officers and proceeded with the election. Bright (Advisor) acted as the election officer. The following members were nominated and received the votes:

- Chair: Suyash (6 votes)
- Vice Chair: Ailura (6 votes)
- Treasurer: Aleksey (4 votes)
- Secretary: Irvin (6 votes)
- Event Coordinator: Shreya (6 votes)
- Membership Coordinator: Ayokanmi (6 votes)
- Communications Officer: Kingsley (4 votes)

2. 8th Virtual Meeting Date and Time:

Shreya will contact Frank to discuss dates, times, and potential speakers. Suyash suggested inviting Wojciech Pędzich (Concerts Photography) and Rangan Datta (Monuments Photography). Ayokanmi and Kingsley will assist in inviting group members via Telegram, Commons User Group talk page, Facebook, Instagram, etc.

3. Partnership with Wiki Loves Africa 2024:

Suyash will lead the efforts to partner with Wiki Loves Africa and will initiate discussions with the organizers.

4. Resource Person Directory:

Utilizing the information in the existing membership list (availability as jury etc.), members can be contacted for support in various initiatives or partnerships.

5. Board Internal Communication Channel:

Board members will stay in touch through Telegram, post important updates on the mailing list, and CPUG talk page, and remain active on Facebook and Instagram. Suyash will announce links of CPUG social media handles on the User Group Commons Page and update the board members section.

6. Commons Conference Planning:

The idea of a Commons Conference was discussed by many of the group members from time to time. It was decided to address this in the next virtual meeting. Chen/WMF grants team will be invited for technical assistance, including Visa discussions. Planning for the conference will be completed by September 2024.

7. Wikimedia.org Email and Domain Name:

Suyash initiated discussions with the VRT team to obtain a wikimedia.org email address. Aleksey, experienced with xyz.wikimedia.org website addresses hosted by WMF, will assist. Frank expressed willingness to donate the domain name.

8. Next Meeting:

April 6, 2024, 10:00 UTC