

2022-2023 Wikimedia DC Annual Report

Annual Membership meeting

December 14, 2023



Annual Membership Meeting Agenda

14 December 2023, 8pm EST

1. Introductions of the officers and board members
2. Report on Chapter Activities (from the President and Institutional Partnerships Manager)
3. Update on Annual Board Election (Election Committee)
4. Financial Report for 2022–23 (Treasurer)
5. Distinguished Service Award to Kelly Doyle Kim
6. Volunteer of the Year Award to Kunal Mehta
7. Discuss plans
8. Adjourn and open discussion

Board & Staff



Peter Meyer, President



John Sadowski, Vice Pres.



Diane Shaw, Secretary



Sara Snyder, Treasurer



Kevin Payravi, Board Member



Rob Fernandez, Board Member



Gerald Shields, Board Member



Ariel Cetrone, Institutional Partnerships Manager

Chapter activities

- Edit-a-thons/workshops
- WikiCred
- ARTT Guide project
- North American Hub research

Chapter activities

Programs report FY23

- 17 programs - 16 edit-a-thons, 1 editing workshop
- 230 editors
- 62.2K Words added
- 724 References
- 740K Article views
- 243 Articles edited
- 131 Articles created
- 8 Commons upload

Chapter activities

Programs report FY23

2022

- November 5: DC Statehood and Home Rule Edit-a-thon - **DC History Center**
- November 16 and 17: **Kensho Technologies** Wikipedia Edit-a-thon
- November 17: **University of Maryland**: Punk Wikipedia Edit-a-thon

2023

- February 4: **Odenton Library** Black History Month Wikipedia Edit-a-thon
- February 9: Wiki-Edit-a-Thon: A Celebration of Black Authors and Artists - **Howard County Library System**



Chapter activities

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2023

- February 10: **Tenn. State Univ. + University of S. Florida** Black History Month Wikipedia Edit-a-thon
- February 14: **National Nanotechnology Initiative** Black History Month Edit-a-thon
- March 8: **SAGE Publishing**: Women Social and Behavioral Scientists
- March 21: **Tenn. State Univ. + University of S. Florida** Women's History Month Wikipedia Edit-a-thon
- March 23: **American University** Qualitative Methods in International Relations editing workshop
- March 27: Women in Public Health Wikipedia Edit-a-thon - **University of Maryland**

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- March 31: Wikipedia Edit-a-thon: Anthropology and Community Connections - Center for Archival Futures (CAFe), College of Information Studies (iSchool), University of Maryland
- May 26: Wikimedia DC Nobel Solution Session
- September 14: Tenn. State Univ. + University of S. Florida Hispanic Heritage Month Edit-a-thon
- September 21: Mastercard AAPI edit-a-thon 2023
- September 28: PBS COI overview (non-edit-a-thon)
- September 26: Open Gov Hub Wikipedia edit-a-thon



Chapter activities

Programs report FY2024

Past

- October 4: Women in Environmental Justice - Anacostia Community Museum
- November 17: Indigenous Peoples Wikipedia Edit-a-thon - Tenn. State Univ. + University of S. Florida

Upcoming

- December 8: History of Statistics Edit-a-thon - American Statistical Association
- January 13: Aurora Public Library (Arlington) Edit-a-thon
- January 28: American Meteorological Society Edit-a-thon
- February: Tenn. State Univ. + University of S. Florida Black History Month Edit-a-thon
- March 27: Smithsonian American Women's History Museum Edit-a-thon
- Date TBD: April: Tenn. State Univ. + University of S. Florida Autism Awareness Month Edit-a-thon



Provides funding for credibility focused Wikimedia tools, projects and initiatives

WMDC + WikiCred

Contract with Hacks/Hackers

WMDC:

- assisted with soliciting grant applications
- recruited grant review panelists for scoring purposes
- helped to process grant awards
- Co-managed grantee communications

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ARTT Guide

NewsQ and Wikimedia DC: Phase II

- The new ARTT Guide is a tool for analysis and response to misinformation
- Developed by Hacks/Hackers and Univ of Washington computer science dept, funded by National Science Foundation (NSF) grants
- Oriented toward offering help to make social media responses e.g. to misinformation
- WMDC supported, as subcontractor. Wikimedia sources were used and evaluated as input, e.g. as reliable sources; talk pages could potentially be addressed by the tool
- WMDC gathering feedback from Wikimedians on the potential uses for the tool, and recruited expert editors as testers
- Now preparing report to H/H; might be final; further collaboration is possible



North American Hub

- WMDC received research grant to determine the feasibility of creating an NA hub
- Full committee of affiliate representatives and updates: See Meta: North American Hub Research Project
- Activities: Surveys, three focus groups, one large WCNA workshop, WCNA presentations, fact-finding conversations with other hubs and large affiliates (CEE, WMUK)
- Research is to finish at end of December
- Report due to WMF in January 2024

We would welcome Wikimedians for focus groups. Let's discuss more right after this meeting.



Election results

- Voting was held this year via ElectionBuddy, an online voting platform
- 63 eligible members and 22 ballots submitted
- Two questions:
 - Wikimedia DC Board
 - Robert Fernandez and Sara Snyder re-elected
 - Kevin Li (User:L235) newly elected
 - Wikimedia DC Budget (approved)



Treasurer's Report

FY23 (Oct 1, 2022–Sep 30, 2023) Financial Report online at https://wikimediacdc.org/wiki/Plans_and_reports

Income	Expenses
\$129,000 WMF Grants	\$68,635.00 Program Costs
\$36,490 Unrestricted revenue (non-government contracts, member dues & donations)	\$4,048 Administrative Costs
\$165,490.00 Total Revenue	\$72,683.00 Total Expenses

FY23 Net Operating Income \$92,808.00



Treasurer's Report

FY24 (Oct 1, 2023–Sep 30,2024) Budget Estimate online at https://wikimediadc.org/wiki/Plans_and_reports

Total cash at start of fiscal year	\$108,043
Projected revenue (<i>conservative estimate</i>)	\$26,500
Projected program expenses	-\$95,000
Projected administrative expenses	-\$8,450
Projected total cash at end of fiscal year	\$31,093



Treasurer's Report

Additional Highlights

- IRS non-profit status stable, and prior year late filing fees waived
- Professional bookkeeping and accounting service coming on board
- FY24 tax forms to be filed in the next month
- Grant and contracting opportunities expected to be numerous in FY24



Distinguished Service Award

Kelly Doyle Kim



We thank Kelly for supporting new contributors and organizing excellent events for the DC community, with skill and an encouraging attitude. Kelly was a warm and welcoming host and our chapter's partner at the Smithsonian Institution's American Women's History Initiative. Kelly served on the Wikimedia DC board for six years, from 2017 to 2023, and was our main contact in multiple states. Kelly raises the spirits of people around her!



Volunteer of the Year

Kunal Mehta



We thank Kunal for helping keep Wikimedia DC's wiki platform running. He converted the day of recorded talks of WikiConference North America 2022 to the webm open-source format and put them on Commons, as if it were easy, and without anyone asking. He shows that open-source principles and processes work.

Plans

- Continue editathons and workshops (already funded by WMF grant)
- Join coworking space with local WMF staff at OpenGovHub
- Wiki Science Competition
- Seek new contracts to support research, training, software development
- Move forward on North American hub, participate in Movement Strategy
 - Likely aspects: Sustain annual conference; Host calendar of continent-wide events; help Wikimedians hold events; offer small grants; professional development; support administration of chapters and user groups; advocate policy
 - Larger scale ⇒ economies of scale and scope; WMF may give “implementation grants”

Adjourn and discuss