



# Wikimedia Foundation Governance Wiki: Early 2024 Status

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# Quick Overview

What / Why / Where / How



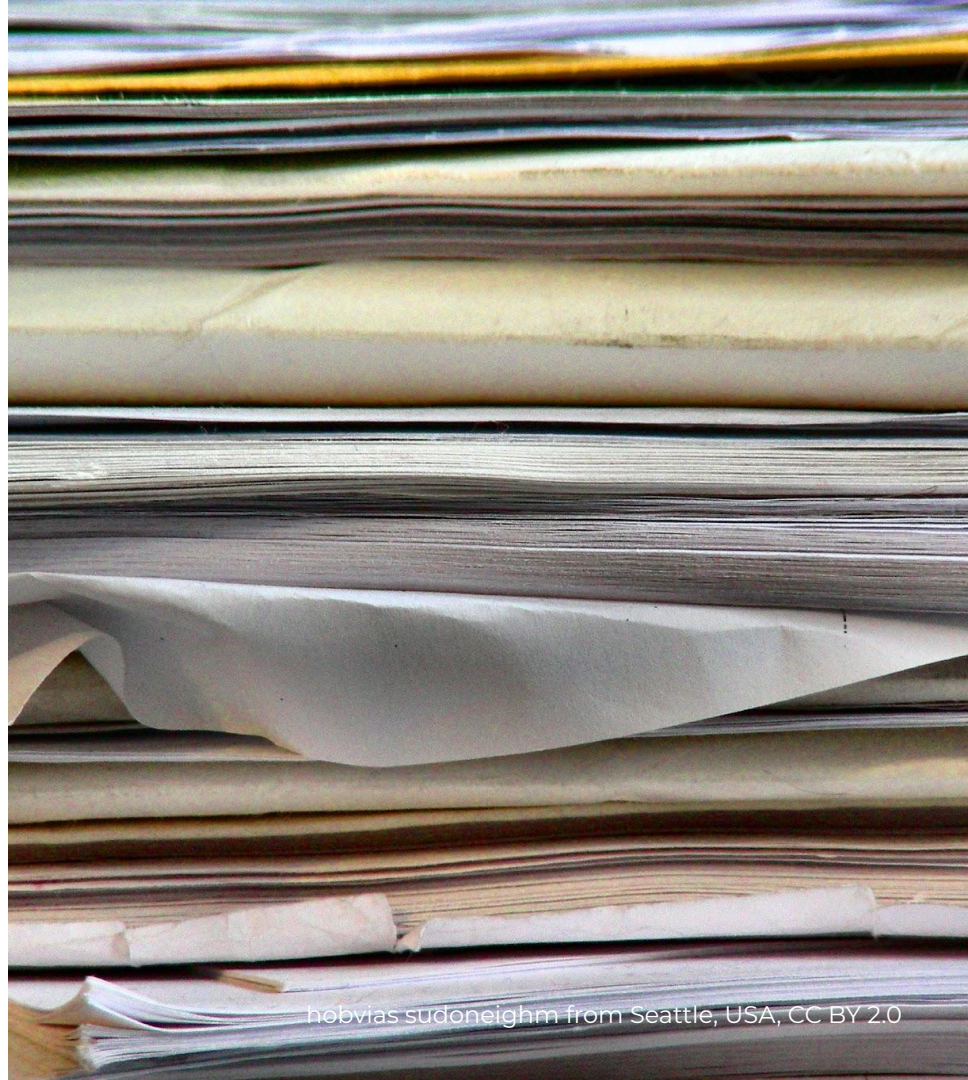
# Origin story

[Wikimedia Foundation Governance Wiki](#) originated as the MediaWiki based version of [WikimediaFoundation.org](#).

[By 2017](#), that version of the site had ballooned into a 17,000+ page wiki with less than 9% containing actively used or maintained content.

[On 31 July 2018](#), the wiki was replaced by the current WordPress based version of the organization's website, and the useful wiki content was repurposed as Governance Wiki, the home for official Wikimedia Foundation policies and documentation.

Today, it essentially serves as home for corporate content which is "out of scope" of the WordPress based organization website or other wikis.



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# The little wiki that could...

Discussions in 2017 and 2018 between Communications, Finance & Administration, and Legal concluded that a MediaWiki based site with restricted editing access but with the ability to comment and provide translations was the best long-term route for the previous [WikimediaFoundation.org](https://www.wikimediafoundation.org) website.

Based on these conclusions, work was done so that:

- Content in primary content spaces is limited to editing by authorized Foundation staff
- Searching can be done by content type (policies, resolutions, minutes, etc.)
- Users can login via shared Wikimedia system
- Community can provide comments or translations at their discretion



# Existing applications

As of January 2024, the wiki has been utilized to:

- Reduce duplication of content across Meta-Wiki, Foundation Office Wiki, and Foundation Governance Wiki
- Provide central housing of all official Wikimedia Foundation policies
- Provide central housing of legal documentation for the Wikimedia Foundation, Wikimedia Endowment, and Wikimedia Enterprise
- Allowed translation of organization content; with some content already available in nearly 100 languages





# Potential applications

Looking towards the future, the wiki could:

- Facilitate "requests for comments" on official materials - such as Foundation policies or other official Foundation content
- Increase multilingual access to official Foundation materials
- Provide official versions of documentation on organization's past activities or events - including an official timeline of the organization's evolving history
- Allowed for increased access to materials which have previously not been shared for concerns related to public editing

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# Past Work

What has already been done



# Technical tweaks

Working with the Technology department, the Communications department was able to:

- Enable access to the [Wikimedia Unified Login / Single User Login \(SUL\)](#) system
- Enable the [Translate extension](#)
- Expand the number of [primary content namespaces](#) to facilitate organizing
- Limit editing of primary content namespaces to authorized users
- Modify search setup to allow searching of more specific content types if desired







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# Content overhaul

- [Archived](#) outdated content
- Removed non-functional or otherwise no longer necessary templates
- Dramatically reduced amount of primary (search engine indexed) content
- Setup remaining primary content for translation by volunteers
- Improved navigation and organization of primary content areas
- Expanded content areas to include [Wikimedia Endowment](#), [Wikimedia Enterprise](#), and [historical documentation](#)
- Imported translations from Meta-Wiki and redirected duplicate content (primarily policies and resolutions)

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# Immediate Next Steps

What we are working on now



# Currently underway

- Visual improvements to primary landing pages - such as utilizing [templates](#) from [Meta-Wiki Front Door project](#)
- Expanding amount of content setup for translation
- Continuing to reduce amount of duplicate content on other wikis (primarily Meta-Wiki)
- Identify [core team](#) of staff to provide ongoing maintenance and support
- Finalizing infrastructure for existing content areas





# Translation efforts

## **Already underway:**

- Access for volunteers to be able to translate content as it is setup for translation
- Template infrastructure for translation of all primary types of content (resolutions, minutes, legal documentation, etc.)
- Setting up all existing primary content for translation
- Working with Languages team on improvements to translation system

## **Planned for the future:**

- Outreach to volunteer translator groups and mailing list to increase awareness of wiki's translation abilities and opportunities
- Improved support for setting up future content for translation and increased translation efficiency



# Organization outreach

To increase awareness and usage of this wiki, in the coming months the project will:

- Present information about the wiki, its development, and its potential uses with the department and wider organization
- Provide trainings to key stakeholders on how to best make use of the wiki
- Make recordings of trainings conducted available on project's Office Wiki page
- Promote usage of the wiki with key teams and in organization wide communications



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# Long-Term Efforts

Our planned activities in the future





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# Wiki maintenance

The core team being assembled will work to:

- Monitor for spam or vandalism on the wiki
- Respond to edit requests as appropriate
- Bring to the attention of appropriate teams comments or requests being made on the wiki on topics that team is primarily responsible for and which appear to have gone multiple weeks without a response
- Support translation efforts
- Support organization usage
- Oversee expansion requests and work to avoid future content "cruft"
- Archive content which is no longer being maintained or considered active
- Other basic wiki maintenance as needed

# Organization usage

Over time, the wiki and core team should:

- Allow any [authorized staff](#) to make edits or add content as necessary for their work
- Facilitate promptly [requests for edit access](#) by authorized staff or Global Sysops to the wiki's primary content areas
- Provide reliable, long-term, and searchable housing of official organization documentation which are available for comment or translation
- Facilitate requests for comments on official materials, policies, or related documentation







# Movement outreach

Based on the level of internal awareness and usage of the wiki, as well as the overall progress of the wiki's development, the core team will:

- Conduct outreach to translation groups within the movement
- Expand [documentation of project on Meta-Wiki](#)
- Seek opportunities to increase awareness of the wiki's evolved and increased usage
- Write a [Diff](#) post on the wiki's evolution and future potential applications
- Continue to respond to inquiries from the community about the wiki's changes or efforts to reduce duplicate content



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# Questions and Answers

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