

WIKIMEDIA UK

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE INITIAL BOARD

SEPTEMBER 2008 - APRIL 2009



Welcome to the first Annual General Meeting of the re-launched chapter in the UK! We hope you enjoy the programme we have put together for today and this provides a firm foundation for the activities of the next Board in the forthcoming year.

When we were elected last September, we committed to three things:

1. We would incorporate the chapter within six months of our election
2. We would hold an AGM within six months of incorporation
3. We would process at least 95% of membership applications received up to one month prior to the AGM

We are very happy to have achieved all of this and more! Incorporation was completed after six weeks and we managed to call the AGM within the six months despite the processes of being recognized as a chapter and opening a bank account taking longer than anticipated. We have processed all the membership applications we have received.

In the meantime, we also responded to the Internet Watch Foundation's block on Wikipedia, helped the Wikipedia Loves Art photography competition and responded to a government consultation on copyright. The Wikimania bid team has continued their excellent work trying to persuade the jury to pick Oxford as the host city for 2010 and the Board has supported their work where we could. Two of our delegates attended a conference of all the Wikimedia chapters in Berlin and we have been involved in discussions surrounding the chapters-selected members of the Wikimedia Foundation Board.

We committed ourselves to being open, transparent and participative from the start. We achieved this by opening all our meetings to the public, publishing agendas and minutes of all meetings on our wiki and consulting with our supporters as widely as possible before making decisions.

At the same time we have processed 23 membership applications, established our wiki at <http://uk.wikimedia.org> and sent out a monthly newsletter on our activities. We have also kept members informed through the WikimediaUK-L mailing list and our Wikimedia UK facebook group.

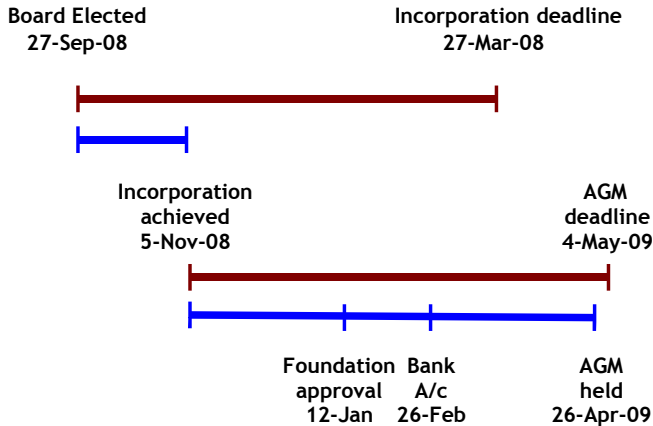
Some things unfortunately remain in progress for the next board to finish: our application to for recognition as a charity has hit a hurdle as they are contesting whether our activities constitute the charitable promotion of education. This has also held up our Pay Pal account.

We wish the next Board every success in continuing this work. We would like to record our particular thanks to Mickey Conn and Kwan Ting Chan who are stepping down from the Board at this election, to our tellers who have arranged the voting at this AGM and to David Gerard who has continued to offer support on the media front.



MILESTONES

We met both the milestones agreed when we were elected:

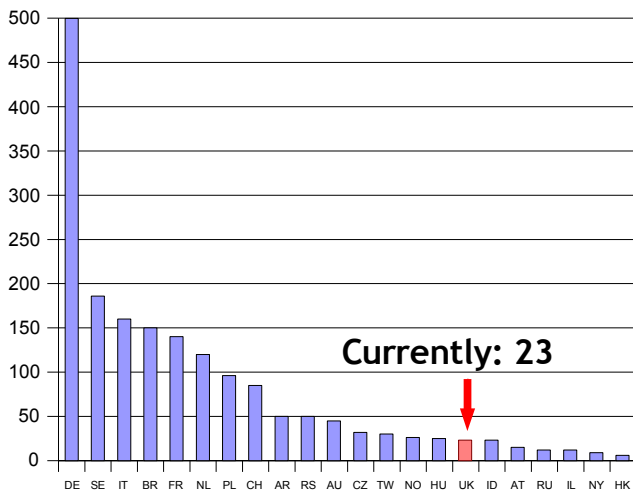


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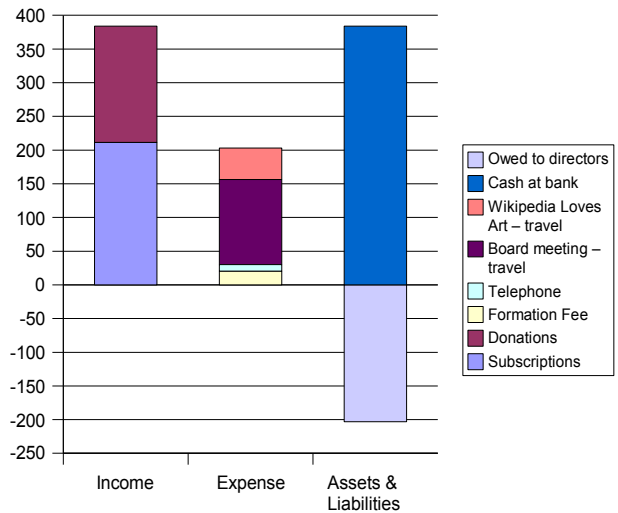
- 26** Meetings on IRC open to the public
- 6** Newsletters written to keep members informed
- 27** subscribers getting newsletters on their talk page
- 114** content pages on the uk.wikimedia.org wiki
- 95** registered users on the uk.wikimedia.org wiki
- 1,141** emails on WikimediaUK-l email list

MEMBERSHIP

Current chapters by membership



FINANCES



PROJECTS

1 - Wikimania

- 18** Bid Team members
- 40** Further supporters
- APRIL 13** start of Jury deliberation
- nearly **500** came to Wikimania 2007

2- Copyright Consultation

3 - Wikipedia Loves Art

- 15** participating museums
- 30** attended launch in London
- 6,195** images created
- 364** images from the UK