

## **Maliwatch EC Skype Call – April 25, 2009**

**Minutes of the agenda discussed on Saturday April 25<sup>th</sup>, 2009, 12:00 PM EST**

**Attendees:** Aliou Haidara, Harouna Maiga and Ibrahim Hacko (Fanta Ongoiba had some Skype connectivity issues)

### **Agenda**

1. Meeting call to order - Harouna
2. Secretary's Report and approval of April 28<sup>th</sup>, 2009 minutes - Abdoulaye
3. Treasurer's report – Ibrahim Hacko Yattara and approval
4. Old business
  - a. Partnership between MW and Dawn to Dusk Lions Club of Crookston for the village and school of the village of Zakoire-Ansongo, Mali - Update
  - b. Future revision of MW by-Laws to broaden the executive committee
  - c. Date for MW 2009 Annual meeting in DC
  - d. MSAS reports - Update
5. New business
  - a. New partnership request from Dimade (**Diaspora Malienne pour le Développement (**DiMaDé**))**
6. Others

### **1. Meeting call to order – Harouna Maiga**

Harouna has introduced all attendees and has moved to start the agenda previously sent to the group.

### **2. Secretary's Report and approval of April 28<sup>th</sup>, 2009 minutes – Harouna (since Abdoulaye was absent)**

**Motion:** Aliou has asked to approve the minutes of the previous meeting.

Seconded: by Ibrahim Yattara  
Approved: "I" - by all attendees  
Abstained: none  
Opposed: none  
Minutes – approved

Secretary's report adopted.

### **3. Treasurer's report – Ibrahim Hacko Yattara**

Before reading some details, Ibrahim Yattara said that he has received an envelope but has not opened it yet. Harouna said that it was Cherif Keita's 2008 membership fees.

Ibrahim Yattara: continued and explained that there were no fees charged this month on the account balance. He also added that the \$17 fee is charged only if we don't keep between \$3000-5000 in the account. If the account balance is less than \$3000, than we have to use the credit card to avoid such account maintenance fees.

Harouna: asked to buy stamps on a monthly basis (even for 5 dollars) any month the balance is less than \$3000.

**Motion:**

Harouna Maiga called for the motion to adopt the treasurer's report.

Seconded: by Aliou Haidara

Approved: "1" - by all attendees

Abstained: none

Opposed: none

Treasurer's report adopted.

#### **4. Old business**

a.) Partnership between MW and Dawn to Dusk Lions Club of Crookston for the village and school of the village of Zakoire-Ansongo, Mali - Update

Harouna has done a status report to Dawn to Dusk Lions Club of Crookston. Lions' will now send a letter to Maliwatch's president and he will submit it to the board. Harouna wants the new elected president to write the letter.

Lions' have also been talking the Lions of Bamako and Harouna has spoken to Lamine (Maliwatch Bamako). The final decision will be that Maliwatch-Mali and Lions Bamako will execute the project.

b.) By-laws revision

We have discussed this subject during the board meeting 3 weeks ago. Harouna will propose something and we will see how to create a bylaws committee. The following process should be followed:

- define what needs to be changed,
- send a message to Maliwatch members to discuss the issue,
- vote by Maliwatch members.

Harouna thinks that he can work with Ablo Doucoure and propose new changes to the EC and board because he really wants to get a bylaws committee.

c.) Date of MW 2009

Harouna: we need to choose a date as soon as possible.

Aliou: let's choose 3 dates and we will discuss them by email; adding that the place should also be discussed for incoming meetings.

Harouna: we need to avoid a date where most people will not be available and, he will therefore ask the date of Labor Day to be considered as well. As for the place, he wants to do the last meeting in DC and thank our embassy and other people and tell them that the next meeting might be held somewhere else. He will send a message to all members with the proposed date and ask other members to propose some dates.

d.) MSAS update

- Harouna asked Aliou to do the update on the report – done.
- Aliou asked Harouna to pay MSAS'2008 pending partial reimbursements.
- Aliou reminded Harouna that his membership was half paid (in a previous report) – confirmed by Harouna and the remaining will be sent to Ibrahim as soon as possible.

#### 5.) New business

New partnership request from Dimade (**Diaspora Malienne pour le Développement  
**(DiMaDé)****

Aminata wanted her organization to work with Maliwatch for fundraising purposes to help Mali's hospitals. Harouna has checked the bylaws and will submit what should be done to the EC and the board.

Ibrahim: Aminata has called Ibrahim to tell him that they cannot do it alone without Maliwatch since they don't have the 501c status. They also need help in sending stuff to Mali. Ibrahim has explained her how to organize things under a project. So they must submit projects to help a specific "something" - lycee, hopitals, ...

Harouna: has sent her the project template and she will also wait for Harouna's answer about how to deal with projects. Since the board's meeting is only in June, Harouna will give her ideas before the next board meeting.

#### 6.) Others

The board meeting is for May 30<sup>th</sup> and by then we should be able to get some new information about the 2 projects discussed above.