

Maliwatch Executive Committee Meeting - Agenda

Saturday, February 28, 2009

Medium Skype Communications

Time: 12 Noon (Eastern), 11:00 AM (Central), and 9:00 AM (Pacific).

1. Introduction of members (See table below)
2. Maliwatch Activities Update – Harouna
3. Treasurer’s report – Ibrahim Hacko Yattara
4. New business
 - a. Projects
 - b. Partnership/collaborations

Meeting Minutes

The meeting started at 13:35 due to technical problems with Skype. Harouna and Aliou were on Skype while Fanta, Ibrahim and Abdoulaye were using the regular line.

Were present: Harouna Maiga, Aliou Haidara, Fanta Ongoiba, Ibrahim Hacko Yattara and Abdoulaye Niang.

The meeting started by the Bureau members introducing themselves to each other (see the table below). The president Harouna welcomed and congratulated the newly elected members of the committee bureau and asked for their great collaboration.

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Harouna gave a brief update of Maliwatch activities:

- MSAS is held every two years in Bamako. The financial and technical reports of 2008 edition are in the process of finalization.
- The 2008 tax return 501 (c) (3) are filled out and filed to IRS. The form 990 –N is needed if the annual income of Maliwatch is equal or less than \$25,000. Income higher than \$25,000 will require filing IRS form 990. MW Treasurer must file tax return form every year by March 13. Harouna sent a copy of 2008 filed tax form 990-N to Ibrahim already).

Harouna will send the **copy** of the activities of Maliwatch to all the newly elected members since its creation. They will also receive each a copy of the 501 (c) (3)

Finance:

Balance = \$11,919.61 (MSAS + Maliwatch)

Maliwatch \$5414.55;

MSAS = \$ 6505.06;

And 3, 000,000+ FCFA in Mali for MSAS in the account of Maliwatch - Mali.

The committee decided to keep the MSAS' money in the Bremer Bank in order to finalize the financial report of MSAS and finishing up the payment of certain expenses of MSAS 2008. According to the president Harouna the fund of MSAS - USA account will be almost depleted after the payment of those expenses. Ibrahim explained to the bureau the detail of the new account at Bank of America. Harouna will transfer Maliwatch's fund to that new account.

Projects and future partnerships:

1. Water project: Zakoire Village Elementary School financed by the Lions Club of the town of Crookston, Minnesota.
 - The Dawn to Dusk Lions Club of Crookston did fundraising in order to help Zakoire Elementary School (Ansongo) and the club would like to create a partnership with MW for the execution of this project.
 - The Lion Club is seeking the collaboration of Maliwatch for that project.
2. Harouna is seeking to establish a partnership between his University (University of Minesota) and the University of Bamako, Mali for English training programs and study abroad exchanges.
3. Harouna and Ibrahim, briefly described MW activities at Lycee Kanku Moussa of Bamako
4. Harouna has indicated that Kakotan Sanogo (MW member) is working on creating a partnership between MW and AMALDEM organization of Bamako. Kakotan, will submit a brief description of the project.

Other questions:

- Fanta asked to find out with our partners what are the specific needs in Mali
- Aliou and Abdoulaye said that everything is needed in Mali

- How to transport the material to Mali (Ibrahim, Fanta, Aliou,). Harouna said that he has already mentioned the issue to the prime minister of Mali who told him that he could help when the time comes ... (e.i., tax exempt for items)
- Maliwatch need to find new projects for the future.
- The monthly meeting will be scheduled for once a month (the last Saturday of each month). The bylaws ask for the first Saturday but we will proceed with the last Saturdays).
- Aliou proposed that the meeting be canceled two weeks before the date in case there is no important matter to debate.
- The meeting was very cordial. Harouna thanked the participants for the successful meeting and the good start of the executive committee work.

The meeting adjourned at 1:30 PM central time