

## **Maliwatch Board of Directors Meeting Minutes - June 6th, 2009**

Medium Skype Communications

Time: 4:00 PM (Eastern), 5:00 AM (Central), and 3:00 AM (Pacific).

### **1. Call to Order – Harouna Maiga**

Were present: Abdoulaye Doucoure, Aliou Haidara, Fanta Ongoiba, Harouna Maiga, Jim Gates and Diola Bagayogo.

Fanta Ongoiba thinks that it's good to add names and briefly explain the cause of absence, so does Abdoulaye Doucoure. However, based on Aliou Haidara's and Harouna Maiga's remarks, we have agreed not to set a precedent. Harouna inquired about Lamine Coulibaly availability. Abdoulaye Doucoure informed that Lamine was on a business trip.

### **2. Approval of April 4th meeting minutes (attached) & Secretary's report – Abdoulaye Niang was not present and Harouna asked to wait for Diola or Jim to get the quorum to approve both the previous minutes and the treasurer's report – which we did.**

After 6:00 PM, the quorum was reached when Diola and Jim joined.

Diola called a motion to adopt the previous "Minutes" and the treasurer's report.

Fanta seconded the motion.

I: by all

Opposed: nobody

Abstention: Jim - no comment since he did not attend the previous session

Minutes were approved and will be sent to all Maliwatch members.

Notes: The group took a few minutes to congratulate Pr Gates on his new appointment as adviser to the US president. Pr James thanked the group and reminded that his trips to Mali for attending MSAS (since 2004), his meeting with the Prime Minister of Mali, and his active contribution to other African activities might have something to do with this new appointment.

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

Ibrahim is not here to get the treasurer's report approved, but he said to pick all numbers from the previous report (previous CE meeting). The treasurer report was also approved.

### **4. Maliwatch-Mali – reports on projects and financial activities, by Lamine Coulibaly.**

With Lamine away, the subject was not discussed.

## 5. Old business

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

Update given by Harouna Maiga – Harouna will be in Bamako during the summer and will discuss the project with Lamine Coulibaly and other MW members. The project will be run under Maliwatch-Mali with the help of one member from the Mali's Lions' Club.

- b. Future revision of MW by-Laws to expand the list of executive committee members

Abdoulaye Doucoure and Harouna Maiga will start the process (draft) and send an update to the group.

- c. Support for "Censeur" Sanogo - New Fundraising Effort– Abdoulaye Doucoure

Abdoulaye Doucoure still thinks that we should do something and since it has been determined that Maliwatch can do such fundraising, he will start the fundraising procedure as soon as possible and send updates via email.

- d. Date for MW 2009 Annual meeting in DC

Final date is still to be determined, but the group seems to accept the idea of Labour Day week end. The following dates should also be considered and a survey will be submitted to Maliwatch members.

1. Saturday of the Week-end of Memorial day in USA - Last week of May
2. First Saturday of the month of June
3. Saturday of Labor day Week in USA – Second week of September
4. Saturday of First week of January 2010

- e. MSAS reports – Update

Update given by Aliou Haidara – the French document is now completed but the English version is still in progress. It will be finished and released soon – summer time.

## 6. New business

- a. New partnership request from Dimade to be submitted to the board of Directors on June 6th.

Dimade will have to use the new template to submit their project. Harouna will inform them.

- b. Maliwatch Health project (location: Baguineda) submitted by Bintou Coulibaly. We all agreed that the project should follow Maliwatch new project submission guidelines and template. Harouna will communicate the message to Bintou Coulibaly and group.

## 7. Others

Harouna: any comment?

Abdoulaye: Some proposals that have been submitted are too long - like the Baguineda project). We should ask MW applicant to use the new template.

Harouna: we have a MW template and Ablo is asking to have it used for all projects since it's very clear and concise.

Harouna Maiga: Regarding the Baguineda project, let's reply back to Bintou, Janet and Djeneba and ask them to re-write it with the new template.

Harouna apologized for not having uploaded the minutes and the template onto Maliwatch's website.

Aliou suggested to send the documents to Amadou Wane if he needs help – to which he replied by confirming that Amadou Wane has already given him all the necessary information and that he will update the website soon.

Aliou asked Diola if he was receiving the MSASs communications sent to him. Diola confirmed and added that he generally answers emails that are sent to him directly (and not to those sent to MSAS' list or other mailing lists due to the abundance of memos).

Harouna adjourned the meeting at 6:45 PM.