MINUTES OF MALIWATCH ALL MEMBER MEETING 1/24/16

TREASURER REPORT

Fatim said that as of 12/31/2015 there was $4,415.06 at the bank. This amount is almost 50/50 between Maliwatch and MSAS. Sidy Bah, a supporter who lives in Canada donated $300 to Maliwatch. Fatim will work with Aliou to make sure he gets refunded for all the Turbo Bridge payments that came from his credit card for many years. Fatim was finaly able to link the payment to Bremer bank.

Niang said that Wane told him the web hosting fee should be charged to MSAS. But Niang will contact Wane to clarify that issue. Fatim will research the $400 deposit to the bank in Oct. as Niang thinks it might include the due payment made by A. Thiam.

UPDATE ON WESITE PROJECT

Wane and Jim were not present to report. Ablo said Amadou Kane was looking for the web content. Harouna was supposed to send him the document about Zakoire project to Kane. Harouna was sick but will work on it. Adlo will talk to Kane to find out exactly what he needs.

UPDATE ON ACTIVATING THE STATUS OF THE ORGANIZATION

Harouna said the MN Secretary of State activated our status and it is now public information. Tax returned need to be filled out by April. Harouna will take care of it as he is used to doing it. He will send a copy/confirmation to Fatim when done.

UPDATE ON THE SYPOSIUM

MSAS had a meeting last week. About 12 sessions are being organized. MW is involved life science (cancer). A. Thiam is leading this initiative. Ablo and A. Thiam and other MSAS members are working on bringing international experts. A session will be dedicated to the memory of Kandioura from Kassobani Group. Brainstorming on ways to commemorate Lamine Coulibaly as well. Ablo said maybe a certificate of recognition (Fatim), an award, a scholarship? Diola suggested an achievement scholarship. Ablo will convey our ideas to MSAS group.

FEEDBACK ABOUT OUR REQUEST TO THE MALI GOV. TO INSTITUTIONALIZE MW AND HELP FUND THE SYMPOSIUM

Dioal B. said he submitted our letters as per his follow-up email. Documents were sent to Pr. Asetou Samake at the Dept. de la Recherche Scientifque who was supposed to give them to the prime minister. She is now the Minister of that department. In December when Diola went again to Mali he tried to meet with the Minister of higher education and scientific research, Me. Tall, but he was too busy and couldn’t receive Diola. Dioal suggested both presidents of MW and MSAS send a follow-up letter to Me. Tall and Pr. Samake. Fatim will contact Mohomodou to work on a letter. Diola suggested to send the letter the Ministre des Maliens de l’exterieur as well. Diola should be cc’ed on the letter so that he can forward a copy to Salia Traore who will for sure hand it in to the latter minister.

OWNERSHIP OF PROJECTS

Fatim said project leaders should contact their team members to start brainstorming on what they intend to work on. She said she already contacted project leaders and urged them to work with their teams.

OTHER MATTERS

Ablo said that an application was sent to TWAS for funding the life science activities for $5,000. We should hear back in May.