**MALIWATCH MEETING**

Minutes of the teleconference held on Sunday September 17th, 2016 (noon-1:15, NYT)

Attendees (4): Fatim Diallo – Jim Barry – Harouna Maiga – Abdoulaye Doucoure

**TREASURY**

**Fatim:**

Maliwatch account: $2,023.31 (Brehmer Bank)

MSAS activity has a negative balance: - $103.10

Web hosting fee:

$26.43 / month or $317.00 per year

MSAS and MW equally share these expenses. Although MW has paid the entire dues, MSAS has not yet reimbursed (Fatim emailed MSAS president Mohomodoou Houssouba without a response).

**Jim**:

Web hosting fees can be dropped to $200 / 3 years. I can assist if MW has an interest.

**CURRENT ACTIVITIES**

**Harouna on MSAS 2016**

This could be the best symposium that we have organized. There was a strong affluence (~ 300 participants), the scientific content was strong and many speakers have done an impressive job. There were top tier contributors from Mali and other countries.

At the inauguration ceremony Mohomodou Houssouba (MSAS president) stressed the critical role of institutional partnerships to promote a culture of scientific excellence in Mali higher education system. Diola Bagayoko reinforced this message and stressed the key role of MSAS and MW.

The 5 plenary sessions were in full attendance and the audience was engaged.

Plenary speakers included: Wilfried Gangbo (Pr Math, UCLA), Annie de Groote (Pr, Medicine, Rhode Island) Mamadou Lamine Doumbia (Pr, UTR, Canada), Amadou Hama Maiga (former 2IE dir).

We had the privilege to receive support from Malian authorities: contribution to MSAS for 31 million CFA; active engagement from the Minister of Higher Education Mrs Samake; invitation by the Prime Minister Mr Keita; reception by the President of Mali I.B. Keita. President Keita says he fully supports the funding of a Maison for Science in Mali.

Mohomodou, Diola, Fad Seydou, Doulaye Dembele, Aissata Thiam, Amadou Kone, Bakary Sakho, Harouna Maiga and other MSAS members greatly contributed to a a successful event.

**MEMBERSHIP PAYMENT & TREASURY ISSUES**

Fatim - MW struggles keeping track of membership payment because Treasurer Amadou Niang cannot use excel software. Vice President Dakouo has helped but his support was inconsistent due to work and family priorities.

Harouna offers to take responsibility of treasurer, pending Amadou Niang’s approval.

Jim: raised the motion to make Harouna the new treasurer

Ablo seconded the motion.

All four attendees approved. Fatim will contact Amadou Niang to seek his approval for immediately designating Harouna Maiga has MW new treasurer.

**SOCIAL EVENT (NEWBORN ANNOUNCEMENT, Mamadou DAKOU’S family)**

We are pleased to announce the birth of our daughter, **Anna Djeneba Dakouo**, born at 4:26 pm on September 15, 2016, weighing 3.778 kg (8.33 lbs) and measuring 52 cm (1,71 feet) long.

MW Director of Social Affairs Adam Ouologuem called the Dakouo’s family and President Fatim Diallo mailed a congrats letter with Blessings from MaliWatch.

Notes taken by Abdoulaye Doucoure