MINUTES OF ALL MEMBER MEETING OF 11/6/16

**1. Membership payment**

Adam: I made payment thru Maliwatch website but it didn’t go through. It looks like the name from MW member needs to be added to get money transferred to MW account.

Fatim:

For MW names you need to add Fatoumata Diallo or  Harouna Maiga.

I passed on bank account information to new treasurer Harouna.

**2. Treasury:**

Fatim:

-Harouna officially added to Bank account.

-MW account in October : $2,056.69  (Bremer bank)

**-**MSAS  owes money to MW :

Diola -  what money is owed to MW ?  Fatim - $103+. This covers maintenance fees for the website.

Members agree that MSAS should pay this money since they supported this option and they have the money.

Also, working on Memorandum of Understanding focused on collaborative projects MSAS-MW makes sense (not just limited to financial issues)

**3. Next Annual meeting in 2017**

Scope: revitalization of Mali US partnerships in higher education, health and culture.

Ablo suggests Memorial Weekend 2017 at  Mali Embassy (Late May 2017).

Fatim will verify with the ambassador if schedule is appropriate.

**4. Maliwatch at Sommet France Afrique (January 2017)**

Harouna – Bakary Sakho suggests that MW and MSAS send members from outside Mali to the event.

**5. Maliwatch platform projects:**

\*Cultural outreach

Fatim – This committee aims to animate ways of teaching  Malian history in US schools.

Not much progress. She wrote a letter many months ago that  Seyou Thiam sent to the Principal of school attended by his daughter.

Maybe we should Invite people from  that school at the annual meeting.

\*Social events

Fatim – Adam  O. (MD director of Social Affairs) suggested  in 2015 to set-up a special  funds to which members could make regular contributions.

Adam- in the DC area, there is AMAW has created a special funds and MW could do the same.

Harouna – we need to check whether 501©3 status permits to set-up a social fund or to open a saving account for social activities. I will contact a lawyer to see if MW is authorized to create a social fund.

Harouna will send a copy of the of the legalization of MW documents to Fatim so we can decide if creating a social fund fits within our goals.

Adam- We should think of improving MW presence and visibility  by contributing to World Bank Civil Society  or UN Civil Society events.

**6. Others:**

**Harouna about casualty in Assongho/ Zakoire Village** : there was a bomb that fell  on Zakoire and killed three people.

2 bombs fell in River, 1 on highway another one on a house : several family members were injured.

Jim : Astronomy school – Diallo , another teacher and 5 students will travel to a meeting in India (covered by ministry of education).

Jim is sending books so that teachers and students can study and prepare for the event in India.

**Books to Mali / Univ of Segou:**

Harouna has higher education books (agriculture); same for Ablo (Chemisry);

Adam O. knows Cheibane who ships containers to Mali (no customs fees for MW).

Jim is also interested to get Cheibane’s contacts.

We agree to work with Cheibane for coordinating shipment of academic books to University of Segou.