

## MAU Board Meeting Held Tuesday August 25<sup>th</sup>, 2020

**Start:** 6:00pm CT

**Call to order** – 6:00pm by the board chair Ms Nelima who welcomed everyone present

**End: 8:16pm – Meeting adjourned**

**Attendance:** Ms. Nelima Seititi; Dr. Julia Ugorji; Mr. Basil Ajuo ; Dr. K. Chukwuba;  
Dr. Raphael Onyeaghala; Dr. Fatima Lawson; Divine Arpelleet; Dr. Grace Totoe;  
Pastor Michael Appiah; Mr. Gabriel Mba;

Excused: Mr. Ola Obabiya

**Secretary:** Dr. Julia Ugorji

### **Agenda:**

**6:00pm:800pm**

1. Call to order / Agenda for Tonight:

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- Board discussion on appellation for board officers – Board chair
- Minutes of June Meeting: July 28, 2020 - Board Secretary
- Updates from CEO, Basil Ajuo
- MAU board election discussions third and final according to by-laws
- MAU update / financial report 2020 – Acting Treasurer
- MAU calendar of events for the rest of 2020 and part of 2021 -Divine
- MAU Business and Professional Databases Presentation

Committee Updates

- Business Committee

- Education Committee
- Healthcare Committee
- Membership Committee
- Unity & Tradition Committee
- Housing & Employment
- Immigration and Foreign Affairs Committee
- Fundraising & Resource Mobilization Committee
- Any other updates?

### 3. Meeting Adjournment & Closing

Next meeting Board meeting on September 29<sup>th</sup> 2020

Topics/Problem	Discussion	Conclusion
Welcome meeting called to order	By Board chair- welcome and greetings	Meeting commenced
Adoption of meeting agenda	Dr. Lawson moved for adoption supported by Pastor Michael	Meeting agenda adopted as presented
Board discussion on appellation for board officers- <b>Board chair- Ms. Nelima</b>	The board chair opened the discussion noting that today is the last call for election of board officers-	Election will be conducted in November for these 4 positions: Board chair, V/C chair, Secretary, & Treasurer
<b>Approval and adoption of July 28<sup>th</sup> minutes</b>	Dr Onyeaghala moved for adoption supported by Dr. Chukwuba as presented	Minutes Adopted as presented

<p>CEO Updates &amp; Reports: Mr. Basil Ajuo</p> <p>Financial Report 2020- Pastor Michael Appiah</p>	<p>The ED who has submitted his reports via email added the following discussions: Distribution of COVID-19 funds from Minneapolis Foundation, checks mailed out to recipients to be followed by a press release on the distribution. Adhoc committee formed by Mr. Basil who are planning MAU events for the rest of the year. Insurance purchase for board members and or (MAU Policy) in case of eventualities. Still speaking to State farm at this point. Plan will be annual premium. Provided updates on the MDH and MAU project; Health fair / PPE distribution at NHCC 08/15/2020 from 12noon to 4:00pm. Received 50% (\$15,000.00 from MDH for the project.</p> <p>Final reading for board officers election in November- Board chair; V/C board chair; Board secretary; and Treasurer as stated above.</p> <p>There were discussions on the term of office. Current by-law stated I year term and could re-run for another term. Suggestion such staggering the officers and increasing the term of office, etc came up. The ED suggested to try the current by-law for once to see how it will work. <b>Returning officers adhoc committee will be addressed in September meeting.</b></p> <p>After distribution of the COVID-19 fund and last month balance; Total expenses -\$23,959.05 Net Surplus - \$19,808.95</p>	<p>Still in progress</p> <p><b>Adhoc Committee Members formed by the ED</b> Divine Arpellet -Chair Michael Appiah Jessica Arika Mohamadou Fadil -V/C Trokon Richards Basil Ajuo Dr. Kenneth Chukwuba Michela N’Guessan Dr. Fatima Lawson Nyaha- Home Ceesay Kathy Lauren</p> <p>To revisit the discussion -election of board officers at September meeting.</p> <p>Report available upon request</p>
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<p>CEO office monthly-Budget presented by Pastor Michael Appiah</p>	<p>Presented a budget of monthly expenditure of \$3,050.00 for the following:  CEO Stipend-\$2000.00 (Agreed \$1000.00)  Phone- \$100.00 (Agreed \$20.00)  Gas-\$150.00 (Agreed \$50.00)  <b>Printer -\$600.00 (one time)</b>  Office supplies-\$150.00 (Agreed \$50.00)  Misc expenses-\$50.00 (Agreed \$50.00)</p>	<p>After some discussions it was adjusted and settled for \$1,170.00 monthly expenditure for the office of the ED with \$1000.00 stipend starting September 2020.</p>
<p>Updates of the Membership Committee Chair, Dr. Kenneth Chukwuba</p>	<p>Created a new membership application form and MAU orientation PPT highlighting MAU vision, mission, and goal, who we are and what we represent and by-laws. They are recommended MAU quarterly membership meeting where members should at least attend two times and be able to serve in any MAU committees. Moving to monthly meeting starting September last Sunday of the month. Motion moved to accept the new application form and orientation ppt. Dr. Ugorji moved supported by Ms. Divine.</p>	<p>Motion passed and report available on demand.</p>
<p>Updates from the Education Committee, Dr. Raphael Onyeaghala</p>	<p>Education committee is planning and working on a seminar for 2021 via zoom or face -to-face. <b>Possible themes:</b>  *Transforming lives through Education  *Strengths in Education  *Correlation between Education &amp; Economic Participation.</p>	<p>On-going discussion, reports available by the committee chair on demand   Plan to continue</p>

	Looking for a keynote speaker, student panel; Success story panel and career opportunities in MN & USA. Motion to continue with the plan was moved by Dr. Lawson supported by Ms Divine.	
Updates from the Housing & Employment Committee Chair, Dr. Fatima Lawson	Dr. Lawson reported on the updates from committee meeting – Noted that the committee is going in the right direction. August 1 <sup>st</sup> , the committee met with a dynamic business group with good ideas /plan to work with MAU. Ready to train MAU members but we have to pay (\$750.00). The next step will be a possible presentation to MAU. She also shared thoughts about the COVID-19 CARE ACT with more clarifications from Ms Nelima the board chair.	Ongoing discussions. Looking for members to join the committee
Immigration / Foreign Relation committee- Ms. Divine	Mr Basil presented the report on behalf of the chair. Updates included; Research and attending conferences to learn and share knowledge with members (Local and International); Promote economic power; promote entrepreneurship, Immigration support, and connecting with various African embassies and community leaders.	Great report with an on-going discussion. MAU will be ready to sponsor attendees.
Fund Raising and Mobilization Committee – Pastor Michael Appiah	Strategies for fund raising shared such as; Grant writing; Social media; communications; annual conferences; increase membership, etc.	Well detailed report and available on demand by the committee.
Updates from the Business Committee by Mr. Mba.	The committee shared the structure and the hard work they have put together which included: Business plan marketing, and the two data bases tool; Mr Trokon shared the professional data base put together by the committee. This was a fabulous report that received overwhelming	On-going discussion, reports available by the committee chair on demand  These will be attracting members.

	gratitude. This data base will allow collaboration with other partner companies, organizations etc. This will also allow the CEO to pull information when needed to sell our members (Privacy encrypted). The chair Mr Mba added that the powerful tool is to sell African diaspora.	
Updates from the Health Committee, Dr. Grace Totoe	Updates; MDH and MAU project started with the health fair/PPE distribution done August 15 <sup>th</sup> at NHCC which was a huge success. Project is ongoing till January 2021. Schedule of events mapped out. MAU and MDH working on logistics for COVID-19 testing and will share when available. Committee meeting bi-weekly for planning and logistics. Will add other health promotion and education activities to the schedule.	On-going discussion, reports available by the committee chair on demand
Updates from the Unity and Tradition Committee Mr. Ola Obadiya	No report since the chair was absent and the only member currently.	Looking for members to join the committee
AOB  Madam Chair	In the absence of any discussion can anyone move for adjournment	
8:16pm - Adjournment / Close	Next board meeting 09/29/2020	Dr. Julia Ugorji moved for adjournment supported by Dr. Kenneth Chukwuba meeting ended at 8:15pm