

MAU Board Meeting Held Tuesday June 30th, 2020

Start: 6:00pm CT

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

End: 8:05pm – Meeting adjourned

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

Secretary: Dr. Julia Ugorji

Agenda:

6:00pm:800pm

1. Call to order - Chair
2. Agenda for Tonight: Adoption
 - Nomination and Adoption of New Board members – Chair
 - **Minutes of May Meeting: May 26, 2020 - & Adoption** - Board Secretary
 - Updates from CEO, Basil Ajuo
 - Launched MAU emergency grants
 - Wrote two grants to the Dept. of Health and one to Dept. of Human Services
 - MAU Grant Policy
 - Assured PPE resources from MATTER, Books for Africa; Held meetings with Medical Alley
 - Launched email about grants to members and supporters
 - George Floyd statement
 - Michael will apply for a DUN number
 - Formed board members – 10 paying members of the year 2020 and two non-paying members
 - Attended Board Member **XXX** graduation

- Contracted a lawyer to comply with our legal matters
- Applied with the IRS to maintain our 501c3 status
- MAU is restructuring our committees
- Online Zoom meeting with MIND and WAC
- Website redesign for business and individuals
- Completed the Attorney General Annual Report, attached
- Year-end 2019 financial report – Treasurer
- Board election discussions first reading
- Committee updates – all committees
- Updates from the Business Committee
- Updates from the Healthcare Committee
- Updates from the Membership Committee
- Any other updates?
- A call with the African community leaders on Saturday, June 27, 2020 at 5:00 PM.

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3. Meeting Adjournment & Closing

Next meeting Board meeting on July 28th 2020

Topics/Problem	Discussion	Conclusion
Welcome	By the Nelima -board chair	Board chair – meeting called to order
Adoption of meeting agenda	Dr. Onyeaghala moved for adoption supported by Dr. Kenneth Chukwuba	Meeting agenda adopted as it was
Board chair Adoption of new board member	Dr. Ugorji moved /2 nd Mr G. Mba / board chair called for motion	Motion passed new board members adopted

<p>Approval and adoption of May 26th minutes</p>	<p>Mr. Mba moved for adoption supported by Ms. Kumba</p>	<p>Minutes Adopted as it was.</p>
<p>Updates from the CEO: Mr. Basil Ajuo</p>	<p>The ED who has submitted his report via email added the following discussions: has been fund raising and meeting with all committees to help build and strategize how to move MAU and support members. He added and expressed his gratitude to the current MAU committees on their engagement and discussions.</p> <p>Applied and submitted two different grants to MDH with two other organizations; Peace Global Health Foundation and Minneapolis Clinic.</p> <p>Some MAU members and organizations applied to the \$14,000.00 COVID-19 relief from Minneapolis Foundation.</p> <p>Partnership and collaboration with following organization: WAC; St. Scholastica University: Greater MSP.</p> <p>MAU 2019 Financial report on the conference presented by Pastor Michael Appiah MAU newly Interim treasurer. Generated income from membership and vendors \$19,220 Expenditure - \$9322; Net surplus \$9898</p> <p>There will be election of new board members at the end of the year.</p>	<p>Discussion is Ongoing</p> <p>Health committee handling the donated PPE to MAU. Minneapolis Foundation donated \$14,000 to MAU for COVID-19 relief. Ad hock formed to review the grant applications.</p> <p>3-Man committee formed to review and distribute above money to qualified applicants; Ms. Kumba; Divine and Pastor Michael Appiah</p> <p>10,000.00 mask initiative ongoing</p> <p>Monitoring current situation on MAU 2020 conference</p> <p>Open and welcomed ideas</p> <p>Call for vote to adopt the financial report as it is; Dr. Ugorji moved supported be Dr. Onyeaghala. Report adopted as it is.</p>

<p>Updates of the Membership Committee Chair, Dr. Kenneth Chuckwuba</p>	<p>The committee chair Dr. Chukwuba updated on membership increase to a total of 57 (38 with 29 active financially; small business 13 with 10 financially active; Non-profit 5 with 4 financially active; African countries 1 (MIND) and USA -6. He shared the different membership levels of MAU and entertained questions from members. All are encouraged to update themselves at all levels for benefit purposes.</p>	<p>The board directed that membership be tied to our fiscal year of January 1st to Dec 31th. This motion was voted with a result of 7:1 result.</p> <p>Members suggested for membership and cultural committee to work together to enhance the role of both committees</p>
<p>Updates from the Education Committee, Dr. Raphael Onyeaghala</p>	<p>The committee chair Dr, Onyeaghala shared and updated us on the vision / mission of the committee. He also reported on the upcoming education committee meeting next week. The committee will meet to redesign and solidify the purpose and vision of the committee to leverage the resources in the system to close the professional gap that exist among African immigrants. The committee is still looking for more members to join them. They have the plan to engage African students in the MNSCU to join MAU.</p>	<p>On-going discussion, reports available by the committee chair on demand</p>
<p>Updates from the Housing & Employment Committee Chair, Dr. Fatima Lawson</p>	<p>Dr. Lawson who is the committee chair updated the board on the committee purpose and plans going forward. She added that one of their goal will be to work with employers and job seekers and to identify strategic ways of hiring and reaching African immigrant workers by acting as the clearing house and connecting with organizations and businesses who are looking for diverse population and or diversity trainings.</p>	<p>On going discussions. Looking for members to join the committee</p>
<p>Immigration committee</p>	<p>No report at this time.</p>	

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Updates from the Business Committee Chair, Mr. Gabriel Mba	The committee chair Mr. Mba presented a detailed and robust update on the activities of the committee. He shared the committee goals vision, and objectives which includes: As a catalyst role between US & Africa; Facilitate access to US Independent partners; how to raise fund, grants, sponsorship for MAU annual events; The committee continues to meet weekly on Mondays; identifying subject matter experts. Creating data base information from African developers. Also looking for more members to join them.	On-going discussion, reports available by the committee chair on demand
Updates from the Health Committee, Dr. Grace Totoe Action items: Distribution of PPE materials, Review bylaws Partnership with ECO Lab; Medical Alley; and Matter	Dr. Grace who shared in the vision and objectives of the health committee took the committee chair role over from Ms. Kumba who was the chair since 2019 but tied up with her current schedule. Dr. Grace added that the committee will continue with current objectives with some additions. She suggested a one-minute survey to MAU members on COVID-19 screening / testing; to understand what we need to accomplish in promoting wellness in our community. The health committee plan to do some educational activities in the community during this pandemic; collaborate with some African countries nurses' organizations. The committee with meet biweekly or monthly still in discussion.	On-going discussion, reports available by the committee chair on demand
Updates from the Cultural Committee Mr. Ola Obadiya	Currently the chair is the only member in that committee, looking for members to join him. He shared that he would not develop the vision	Members suggested for membership and cultural committee to work together to enhance the role of both committees

	<p>and goal by himself but has some good ideas of what the committee could accomplish. Currently reaching out to WAC to bring them onboard.</p>	<p>Looking for members to join the committee</p>
<p>AOB</p> <p>8:05pm - Adjournment / Close</p>	<p>Chair challenged the committee to work on the COVID-19 money to be distributed to people as stated above</p> <p>Ms. Kumba reminded members that we could call emergency meetings if need arise</p> <p>Board chair asked to create a new WhatsApp forum for current board members</p> <p>Next week meeting July 7th and July 10th at 6pm</p>	<p>3-Man committee formed for this purpose Ms. Kumba, Divine, and Pastor Michael. They were asked to review the feedback and come up with the policy on way forward with such opportunities</p> <p>Board chair assignment</p> <p>All encouraged to attend</p> <p>Ms. Kumba move for adjournment supported by Mr. Gabriel Mba meeting ended at 8:05pm</p>