



MINUTES - MESHA BOARD MEETING ON FRIDAY, SEP 27, 2024 at 6.30AM-VIRTUAL

PRESENT

1. Bozo Jenje – Technical University of Mombasa - Chair
2. John Riaga – Freelance Journalist - Treasurer
3. Laura Otieno – Citizen TV - Vice Chairperson
4. Aghan Daniel – MESHA – Secretary
5. Agatha Ngotho – The Star Newspaper – Taking notes
6. Zeynab Wandati – Nation Media Group - Board Member
7. Anita Chepkoech – Nation Media Group - Board Member
8. John Muchangi – The Star Newspaper - Board Member

AGENDA

1. Minutes of the previous meeting
2. Matters Arising
3. Project Reports
4. Annual General Meeting and Elections 2024
5. WFSJ Nomination for a board member
6. Any Other Business - AOB

MINUTES

MESHA/001/2024 - Confirmation of the previous minutes

The CEO, Aghan Daniel, read the minutes of the previous meeting held on June 24, 2023. The chairman, Mr Bozo proposed the minutes as a true recording, and Laura seconded the motion.

MESHA/002/2024 - Matters arising

The Chairman then welcomed all to the meeting and made opening remarks, noting that this meeting marks the end of the current board members' three-year term in October 2024. He emphasized the importance of today's agenda and sought any additions. No further items were proposed, and the agenda was approved unanimously. A moment of prayer was offered by Agatha before proceeding with the agenda.

The CEO then presented an overview of previous meeting discussions, including project updates and funding matters.

MESHA/003/2024 - Project reports

Notable projects included the annual report on HIV and COVID-19, the biodiversity project, and the outcomes of the Norwegian exchange program application.

Social media engagement: The board noted the following follower counts from the previous meeting: - Instagram: 75; - LinkedIn: 825; 200 new followers since the last report. It was agreed that the social media team's progress would be reviewed in future meetings.

Infrastructure development: The purchase of land for MESH A at \$22,000 was confirmed, with updates provided on its status and the establishment of a WhatsApp group to facilitate communication regarding the land. Three title deeds for neighboring plots were confirmed, and due diligence was highlighted in the purchasing process.

MESHA/004/2024 – MESH A Annual General Meeting and Elections

The chair informed the board its term expires 21, 2024 and therefore elections should be held before on or Nov 21, 2024. After deliberations, it was agreed that the MESH A Annual General Meeting for 2024 be held on November 21, 2024 morning and that elections be the main agenda of the meeting. It was also agreed that the Secretary should send out a call for nominations of new board members immediately with the deadline for nominating persons to the board be done by October 21, 2024 at 4pm.

MESHA/005/2024 - WFSJ nomination for a board member

Members nominated Agatha Ngotho to vie for a position as a board member of the World Federation of Science Journalists (WFSJ) because of her vastness with the way an association should be run. Her qualities which led to this nomination included over 10 years experience as an active journalist; her role in fundraising at MESH A and her grasp of procedures of conducting high level meetings given her very high profile engagements at the international level.

MESHA/006/2024 – Supporting the CEOs office

Members discussed the challenges of board engagement, with the CEO encouraging consistent communication and involvement from all members. Concerns about the perceived lack of responsiveness from some members were raised. Members agreed on the importance of collective responsibility and support for the board's activities.

Next steps: It was agreed that there should be enhanced communication and member engagement strategies. The CEO to schedule follow-up reports from the secretariat on ongoing projects, and plan for the upcoming elections.

There being no other business, the meeting adjourned at 8:30am.

Minutes approved by



Mr Bozo Jenje – Chairman, MESH A

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