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NASWU NEC ZOOM MEETING HELD ON 4/3/2020

link meet.google.com/auv-bbom-um time 10:-12 :50 pm.

Agenda

- Opening prayer,
- Word from the president
- Presentation of National coordinator's report
- and feedback.
- Nomination of a candidate for IFSW Executive position to represent NASWU.
- Action Points.

Members Present

1. NAMAKULA EDITH TUMWINE – CORDINATOR CENTRAL
2. MOREEN KYOBUTUNGO YOUTH REPRESENTATIVE
3. JOHNMARY SEKATE – NATIONAL CORDINATOR
4. DAVID ADOKE – EASTERN REGION REPRESENTATIVE
5. BALYEJUSA MOSES – CORDINATOR CENTRAL REGION
6. GERALD OKIRIA – TREASURER
7. ESTHER NSUBUGA– ASSISTANT GENERAL SECRETARY

Absent with apology

1. ALOYSIUS AKIROR – GENERAL SECRETARY
2. MICHEAL BYAMUKAMA – BOARD CHAIRMAN

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Min 1: OPENING PRAYER: Was led by Namakula Edith Tumwine at 11:25am.

Word from the President: Gerald Okiria who represented the president welcomed members and asked them to introduce themselves. He also gave a brief on some of the engagements that NASWU has been involved in lately. He highlighted the national Social Work events preparations that are upcoming and urged members to participate fully and also in other events. He requested for prayer for Colbert a board member who had lost his daughter.

Min 2: National Coordinator 's report:

He gave members an update of the status of the organization. Some of the accomplishments included

- NASWU was cleared by Uganda National Registration Bureau and her membership was updated.
- The process is ongoing to submit the NASWU file to the NGO bureau.
- Changed the account signatories successfully to the new leaders.
- Changed the P.O Box number from 35388 to 5070 and updated it.
- Supported regional associations in Madagascar and Somalia which has increased her visibility as a social work model. As a result, NASWU has received requests for capacity building to which we have responded and supported effectively.
- NASWU presented at the international conference in Rwanda which helped increase our international presence.
- The secretariat has reached out to Child I, REPSSI, Africa renewal Ministry, Watoto among others for partnerships. Our aim is to have over 20 MOUs to support NASWU.
- Higher Institutions of education are renewing their membership.
- Has registered over 100 students in Metropolitan University and brought in 2m.
- Cohosted the World Mental health day and launched the mental health policy.
- Has written two proposals to UNICEF and USAID.
- Has been doing research and done several publications which can be found on the international Social work websites, Cheshire in Makerere, Dream a difference which was the best in Africa among others
- **Branding:** The gate and wall s of the office premises were painted and labeled with our logo and mission for better visibility.
- **World Social Work Day 2022:** Plans are on-going and progress has been made. Its aimed at increasing visibility, regional presence and resource mobilization. Venues will include Africa Renewal University, IUIU in Mbale and UCU Arua. Key activities include tree planting, followed by engagement with early career professionals with a view of recruiting them s members as well as sharing best practices. President ARMs Rev. Peter Kasirivu will be the chief guest and Dr. Senkosi will be the key note speaker for the central region celebrations.
We were not able to organize in western Uganda because of a late confirmation by the host.
- **National education white paper review:** NASWU is supporting Ministry of Education and Sports to review the 1992 Education white paper and give them feedback. A team of 5 led by Edith Tumwine is spearheading this engagement. This is an entry point to work with MOES to address social work challenges within the ministry.
- **International Social Work Interns:** We received two female interns from Netherlands, social work in Uganda. However, they failed to cope with power, internet and other challenges and decided to go back prematurely. The sending university apologized on their behalf and a full report will be sent by the coordinator regarding

their visit. Another university is planning to send its class for learning on International Policy.

- **Membership and resource mobilization:** The coordinator appreciated Dr. Senkosi for referring several students for NASWU membership and called upon all other members to do likewise.

NASWU is also carrying out training in child protection under INSPIRE at a fee which brings in some more money.

- The secretariat is working on upgrading official website to be out soon.
- They are working on MOUs with other organizations like Ministry of Education, Office of the Prime Minister in a bid to clarify partnership expectations and also increase membership.
- **Upcoming engagements:** Review of the strategic plan and work plan to include post-covid needs among others. Also review NASWU policies, increase them and align them to the new plan.

- **Challenges:**

- Urgent need for finances to pay outstanding bills especially rent worth UGX4m with a timeline of 16th March.
- Overdue payment to International Federation of Social workers.
- Allowances for the secretariat that have worked without pay for 1 year.
- Work overload for the volunteers.

Minute

Min3: Nomination of Mr. Charles Draecabo for Vice-President IFSW Africa Region Race.

- **Mr. Gerald Okiria** moved a motion to nominate Mr. Charles Draecabo to represent Uganda in race for Vice-President IFSW Africa Region. Gerald gave the following reasons why he nominated Charles,
- Charles has over 15 years of experience in policy, advocacy and partnership building.
- He is currently serving staff member of the United Nations agency, the Head of Office for the United Nations Educational Scientific, Cultural Organization (UNESCO) in Uganda. In that perspective, he is broadly exposed and experienced in international affairs, including civil service diplomacy.
- He has worked and continued to work in multi-cultural setting, and fully respect the human rights, beliefs and values of individuals and groups of people that he works and interact with.
- He is NASWU president emeritus and grounded in the values and principles of social work.

His nomination was seconded by Dr. Senkosi Balyejjusa and members unanimously agreed with Gerald for NASWU to endorse Charles Draecabo for IFSW Vice-Presidents -Africa Region.

Min 4: Action points

- NASWU to officially present Mr. Charles Draecabo to IFSW vice president race and write a recommendation letter for Charles to IFSW
- Members appreciated John Mary and his team for the great work, creativity and resilience. There is a lot that has been accomplished even when resources are limited.
- Were concerned about the limited resources and made these recommendations.
- Need to streamline sources of income that we have control over such as membership and present budgets, strategy.
- There was an earlier proposal to have member who are technical write proposals and get a commission when they are funded.
- Board members could commit and send monthly support to NASWU.
- Students to pay for participation in NASWU events and trainings.
- Intern Students should receive orientation by NASWU to help them appreciate the context of a third world country. Gerald Okiria to support with this.
- The coordinator should invite board members to support in specific projects/ needs rather than waiting for them to show up and volunteer.
- More board members are needed to participate and take up roles in regional celebrations especially Eastern region.
- The National coordinator will follow up and ensure that all paid up members get their cards.
- Dates for the Social work day will be as follows: 9th March eastern, 15th central and West Nile is 11th September. Gerald to support as MC and posting the event on Facebook. John Mary to reach out to the different board members and engage them on how they can support that day.

Closing Prayer

This was led by Maureen Kyobutungi at 12:45pm.