

SCECSAL

**MINUTES OF GENERAL ASSEMBLY MEETING OF THE
XVII STANDING CONFERENCE OF EASTERN CENTRAL, AND SOUTHERN
AFRICA LIBRARY AND INFORMATION ASSOCIATIONS (SCECSAL XVII)
HELD ON FRIDAY 14TH JULY 2006 AT DIAMOND JUBILEE HALL,
DAR ES SALAAM - TANZANIA**

AGENDA

1. Present
2. Apologies
3. Adoption of the Agenda
4. Obituaries
5. Personalia
6. SCECSAL Subscription
7. Minutes of SCECSAL XVI General Assembly Meeting
8. Matters arising from the minutes
 - 8.1 Recommendations on proposed amended clause “Associate Members shall include institutions and organizations which do not qualify for full membership of SCECSAL in terms of article 2 clause 2.4 of the Constitution but are engaged or interested in the development in Library and Information Services and/or Library and Information Science in the SCECSAL region” Uganda and Tanzania to report on their findings and recommendation.
 - 8.2 Report on SCECSAL Author Award Fund – Malawi; Library Association to give update
 - 8.3 SCECSAL Secretariat – Uganda and Tanzania to present recommendation for G.A to take a decision.
- 9 SCECSAL Financial Statement (Uganda to give report)
- 10 Country reports
- 11 SCECSAL 2008 Host Bids
- 12 Handing over of the Chair
- 13 SCECSAL XVII Resolutions

14 IFLA 2007 Durban

15 Any Other Business

16 .Adjournment

MIN. 1 2006 PRESENT:

Chairperson established that members present had duly paid their subscription obligation to SCECSAL. Leaders of the paid up National Associations had a right to vote.

Members Present

1. Tanzania Library Association
2. Kenya Library Association
3. Uganda Library Association
4. Zambia Library Association
5. Malawi Library Association
6. Botswana Library Association
7. Namibia Library Association
8. Library and Information Association of South Africa
9. Swaziland Library Association

IN ATTENDANCE

1. American Library Association
2. British Library Association

ABSENT:

1. Zimbabwe Library Association
2. Lesotho Library Association

MIN. 2 2006 - APOLOGIES

There were no apologies

MIN. 3 2006 ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

The Agenda was adopted with amendments

MIN. 4 2006 OBITUARIES

Members observed the loss of some colleagues as follows:

- Kenya lost – 2 members
- Tanzania lost – 2 members
- South Africa lost – 3 members
- Swaziland lost – 2 members
- Uganda lost 1 member
- Zambia lost – 1 member
- Zimbabwe lost - 1 member

MIN. 5 2006 PERSONALIA

Members recognized colleagues who had made professional achievements. They include:

- Dr. Alice Nkoma – Wamunza – Doctorate degree and appointed Associate Director University of DSM
- Dr. Alli Mcharazao became Director of Muhimbili College of Health Sciences
- Dr. Kikongo Bukonya became Associate Professor
- J. Mugasha and S. Abidi retired from service.

MIN. 6 2006 SCECSAL SUBSCRIPTION

Chairperson established that SCECSAL membership subscription were paid from all countries represented except Lesotho and Zimbabwe.

MIN. 7 2006 MINUTES OF SCECSAL XVI GENERAL ASSEMBLY MEETING

The minutes were adopted:

MIN. 8 2006 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

8.1 Proposed amendments of the clause on the definition of Associate members – requested members to support the proposal

8.2 Report on Author Award Fund

Reported that between 2004 – 2006 a total of US\$1000 was collected, US\$ 120 was to be used for designing the award and US\$800 for the award.

REPORTED further that Zimbabwe and Namibia had not made their contributions.

OBSERVED that there is no clear budget of the award and clear policy on utilization of the fund. PROPOSED to revisit the issue and follow what the SCECSAL constitution stipulates

8.3 SCECSAL Secretariat

REQUESTED that proposals prepared for presentations should be circulated earlier to Library Associations to allow adequate time to study the presentations for subsequent fruitful discussions and resolutions.

FURTHER REQUESTED that SCECSAL website should include reports of previous meetings, also papers and proceedings for the current meeting should be posted to the website.

8.4 Country Reports

OBSERVED that some associations did not submit their country reports and also previous SCECSAL meeting proceedings are not accessible.

MIN. 9 2006 SCECSAL XVI FINANCIAL STATEMENT

The financial Report was provided and two countries i.e. Namibia and South Africa moved the motion.

MIN. 10 2006 COUNTRY REPORTS

Requested that all country reports be posted to SCECSAL website for easy access to all members.

MIN. 11. 2006 SCECSAL 2008 HOST BIDS

Zambia Library Association was nominated to host the next SCECSAL in 2008. They were required to confirm if they would host within 3 months. AGREED that if Zambia fails to confirm then Malawi should host the 2008 meeting.

MIN. 12 2006 HANDING OVER THE CHAIR

Uganda handed over the Chair peacefully – LIASA – SCECSAL Archived handed over the proceedings.

MIN. 13 2006. SCECSAL XVII RESOLUTION

Directed the Secretariat to summarize the resolutions and come up with 3 key issues. Tanzania Library Association agreed to refine the resolutions in two weeks time.

MIN.14 2006 IFLA 2007 – DURBAN

Delegates were invited to make arrangements to attend IFLA Conference in Durban South Africa in August 2007.

MIN.15 2006 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Requested that in future more time should be allocated for discussion of country reports.

MIN. 16 2006 ADJOURNMENT

Chairperson adjourned the General Assembly meeting until the next one in 2008 in Zambia.