

SCECSAL

MINUTES OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY MEETING OF THE STANDING CONFERENCE OF EASTERN, CENTRAL AND SOUTHERN AFRICA LIBRARY AND INFORMATION ASSOCIATIONS (SCECSAL) HELD ON FRIDAY 9TH JULY 2004, AT THE NILE INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE CENTRE, KAMPALA, UGANDA

Agenda:

1. Present
2. Apologies
3. Adoption of the Agenda
4. Obituaries
5. Personalia
6. Minutes of 2002 SCECSAL General Assembly Meeting
7. Matters arising from the minutes
 - 7.1. 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.” **To be discussed with NIWA and Uganda – waiting for response from NIWA.**
 - 7.2. **SCECSAL Archives** are being handled by the UNISA Library Services. All documentation pertaining to the 15th SCECSAL meeting being held in Johannesburg, South Africa in 2002, are being kept by UNISA.
 - 7.3. **SCECSAL WEBSITE**
 - i. Host for Website
 - ii. Contact persons from member associations
 - iii. Have recommendations done by Uganda
 - 7.4. **SCECSAL Author Award Fund:** South Africa donated an amount of R 1,000.00 towards the Author Award Fund, which was handed over to the Chairperson of Malawi Library Association, Mr. Dickson Phiri.
 - 7.5. **SCECSAL Secretariat**
 - 7.6. **SCECSAL Logo**
8. SCECSAL 2002 Financial Statement
9. SCECSAL Membership subscriptions

10. Country Reports
11. SCECSAL 2006 Host Bids
12. Handing over of the Chair
13. SCECSAL 2004 Motions
14. General
 - 14.1. Proposed fee structure IFLA

15. A. O. B.
 - 15.1. Proposal from ALA Black Caucus
 - 15.2. Revision of SCECSAL Manual
16. Adjournment

In the Chair: Mr. Robert Moropa, President LIASA

Min 1/2004 Present

Chairperson established whether members present had duly met their subscription obligations to SCECSAL. Leaders of paid up National associations had a right to vote.

Members Present:

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

In Attendance:

1. American Library Association – Black Caucus
2. Association of African Universities
3. Ghana Library Association
4. Zanzibar Library Association

Absent:

1. Zimbabwe Library Association
2. Zambia Library Association

Min 2/2004 Apologies

There were no apologies.

Min 3/2004 Adoption of the Agenda

The agenda was adopted with amendments.

Min 4/2004 Obituaries

Members observed the loss of many of their colleagues as follows:

- Swaziland had lost 2 senior staff members.
- Malawi lost 2 senior library staff.
- Botswana 1
- Uganda 2
- Kenya 1
- Tanzania 3
- South Africa 2

Min 5/2004 Personalia

Members recognized colleagues who had made professional achievements and brought pride to the LIS profession in the region. These included:

- I. Professor Joseph Uta who was elected COMLA President
- II. Kay Raseroka who was elected IFLA President
- III. John Tsebe who had been appointed National Librarian, National Library of South Africa.
- IV. Dr. I.M.N Kigongo-Bukenya who had been appointed Director EASLIS Makerere University.
- V. Ms. Kayaga Mulindwa appointed Director, National Library of Uganda.
- VI. Jaffred Musisi- longest serving LIS professional from Kenya and one of the founders of SCECSAL.
- VII. Pritti Jain who had attained her PhD.
- VIII. Dr. Kiondo appointed Director of Dar e-salaam University Library.
- IX. Dr. R. Ikoja-Odongo upon completion of his PhD and appointment as Deputy Director-EASLIS and attaining the rank of Associate Professor at Makerere University
- X. Geoffrey Francis Salanje-Appointed Librarian Malawi National Library

Min 6/2004 Minutes of 2002 SCECSAL General Assembly Meeting

Swaziland moved the motion for adoption of Minutes of the General Assembly and was seconded by Uganda. Minutes were adopted as a true record of what transpired in that meeting.

Min 7/2004 Matters Arising

7.1. Proposed Amendment Clause on **Associate Membership** – a decision on this clause was deferred until the next general assembly meeting. In the meantime, a taskforce composed of Uganda Library Association and the SCECSAL Secretariat was asked to study the implications of the amendment and recommend to the general assembly the way forward. Membership applications from the Carnegie Corporation of New York were thus put on hold until the next general assembly meeting.

7.2. Members upheld the decision to house the **SCECSAL Archives** at UNISA. They adopted the proposal that:

- Documentation of previous SCECSAL conferences be deposited at the archives by end of 2005.
- Documents pertaining to the present and future conferences be deposited within 6 months after the end of the conference.
- UNISA provides a catalogue of documents at the 2006 conference.
- LIASA would act as liaison between national associations and UNISA.
- Documents should include:
 - agendas
 - minutes
 - financial statements
 - other agenda documents such as country reports
 - proceedings
 - other relevant documents of an historical nature
 - informal documents of historical value such as photographs
- Documents should also be archived at national legal deposit libraries

7.3. **SCECSAL Website** - Mr. Justine Chisenga reported having been contacted and informed that National Research Foundation had offered to host the website. LIASA was to send an official letter to the foundation. LIASA promised to follow up. Theo Bothma from the

University of Pretoria offered to assist with the hosting of the web site. Justin Chisenga offered to continue serving as webmaster. Associations were urged to send lists of contact persons who send information by end of August 2004.

7.4. **SCECSAL Author Award:** Malawi Library Association reported having received and banked money for the award fund from LIASA. They reported that there were no award winners in 2002.

7.5. **SCECSAL Secretariat** – Members deferred decision on this issue to the next general assembly meeting.

7.6. **SCECSAL Logo.** This already existed.

Min 8/2004 SCECSAL 2002 Financial Statement

LIASA had met the budget for the Chairperson of SCECSAL to attend the Kampala meeting. The SCECSAL Financial Statement was presented, and discussed. Malawi Library Association moved to adopt the statement and was seconded by Swaziland Library Association.

Min 9/2004 SCECSAL Membership subscriptions

The following members had paid up their SCECSAL subscription by the time of the meeting.

- i. Library and Information Association of South Africa (LIASA)
- ii. Uganda Library Association
- iii. Tanzania Library Association
- iv. Kenya Library Association
- v. Lesotho Library Association
- vi. Malawi Library Association
- vii. Swaziland Library Association
- viii. Namibia Library Association
- ix. Botswana Library Association
- x. Zambia Library Association

Zimbabwe Library Association was the only defaulter.

Min 10/2004 Country Reports

Leaders of delegations read out country reports.

Min 11/2004 SCECSAL 2006 Host Bids

Members unanimously agreed that Tanzania Library Association hosts SCECSAL XVII. Lesotho Library Association offered to be on standby.

Min 12/2004 Handing over of the Chair

Mr. Robert Moropa President LIASA handed over the chair to the new Chairperson of SCECSAL Mr. Elisam Magara who's also Chairman Uganda Library Association.

In the Chair: Mr. Elisam Magara, ULA Chairman

Min 13/2004 SCECSAL 2004 Motions

Ms Moshoeshoe-Chadzingwa Lesotho Library Association moved a motion that sought to streamline SCECSAL program. She was seconded by Kenya Library Association and Swaziland Library Association.

Members agreed that:

- SCECSAL would be the conference.
- SCECSAL should run for five working days and
- SCECSAL program should take care of the different interest groups including SCANUL-ECS, LISNET etc.

Min 14/2004 General

14.1 . Members heard that IFLA was proposing a new fee structure that would be affordable to most associations. National associations were encouraged to provide information about their incomes and take part in the voting the process.

Min 15/2004 A. O. B.

15.1 . Members noted a proposal by ALA Black Caucus represented by Thelma H. Tate the Global Outreach Coordinator, Rutgers University Libraries that as part of the planning for 2007 IFLA conference in Durban, the Black Caucus of the American Library Association (BCALA) would work with SCECSAL and IFLA to organize a pre-session seminar. That BCALA would offer its support in planning and conducting the seminar. That the seminar would be a follow up on resolutions that were passed at the 1984 IFLA conference in Africa.

Min 16/2004 Adjournment

Chairperson adjourned the General Assembly meeting until the next one in 2006 in Tanzania.