

**Friends of Mali  
Board Meeting Minutes  
May 15, 2004 2:00 pm**

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- I. Old Business
  - A. Website – finding members with website design/Dreamweaver  
No progress yet but will keep asking.
  - B. Nagelene bottles and Peace Corps training  
Training is August. Bottles on hold until we have a logo. Use the griot that Michelle Diallapiazzo made currently on the newsletter and then the font from the website. Sabrina will follow up with Michelle and Jumana will follow up with Heather to find out what the image should look like and colors. Jumana will follow up with Peace Corps on timing.
  - C. Post office announcement in newsletter  
Didn't get in the newsletter because it went out before this agenda item came up. Sabrina posted it on the announcement board on the website. Andrew also sent a message about this out. Jumana will look into moving the post office box location if this problem looks like its going to persist.
  - D. Calabash Music – FOM usage? Don't know yet.
  - E. Regional Reps
    - 1. list of candidates – Jumana sent out list of candidates. Moon Yun Choi is fine to be the rep in Hawaii. Her behavior in Mali may not really be pertinent for this role.
    - 2. Divise requirements – Jumana will send out an e-mail describing their responsibilities. Regional reps should be prepared to:
      - 1) organize 3-4 national events
      - 2) participate in a biannual national conference call
      - 3) write up a paragraph of their events with pix if available.
      - 4) contribute ideas for what they can do to raise awareness of FOM in their cities.
    - 3. We will advertise who the regional reps are on the website.
    - 4. First activity – June 19. Organize a raise awareness event and advertise that we are looking for new board members. We will send job descriptions for open positions, print out a list of attendees, list of contact information. Jumana will draft an e-mail to board members who should comment on it by Monday morning May 17.

- E. Hotpoints are sent to non-members to encourage them to become members. Access to entire article for members.
- F. Member Networking Database - No progress but Andrew will get to it after school is finished.
- G. Getting info from NPCA on recent COSers  
NPCA will not divulge this info. Sabrina will contact the Country Director in Mali to send FOM info to COSers in country.
- H. Renewing Friends of Mali
  - 1. Tom Bruns is not really interested in translating the website but is interested in being a liaison with Malian community. In interest of time and to ensure quality, Jumana will look into find a professional translator to do it.
  - 2. Member survey – No responses so far. Maybe send the survey out as a separate item via e-mail to get a better response.
- I. Election
  - 1. Mark Niles commutes from Florida so Jumana hasn't been able to talk to him yet. Jumana will try again to get in touch with him and try to get him interested.
  - 2. Job descriptions – everyone please resend to Jumana
  - 3. Advertise that statements of interest should be sent to the Secretary by July 1.
  - 4. Ballots registered in inbox by August 1. Sabrina will ask Jeff to create an inbox at [voting@friendsofmali.com](mailto:voting@friendsofmali.com), where members can register a ballot.
- II. New Business
  - A. FOM store/merchandise – Paypal notifies Andrew that a purchase has been made. Andrew notifies Allison.
  - B. NPCA request for direct deposits for rebate checks – Jumana will check on this on Monday.
- III. Other
 

Jumana spoke with Megan Doherty. She's heavily involved in new immigrant support issues. She's hoping FOM could participate in activities supporting new immigrants such as in Philadelphia. Megan will write up a proposal on how FOM can be involved.

Newsletter deadline: June 1

Next Meeting: June 26, 2004 10:00 am