

Friends of Mali  
Board Meeting Minutes  
Sunday, December 12, 2004  
4:00 p.m., Est.  
Teleconference

Present: Andrew, Jeff, Jumana, Marc, Mark

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I. Member recruitment ideas

- March volunteer activity
  - Casey Trees Endowment Fund <http://www.caseytrees.org/>
  - Marc is the point of contact for this event
- Habib Koita & Bamada at Wolftrap: February 8, 2005, 8 p.m.
  - Tickets are \$22
  - Angie Wilkins is spearheading an initiative to get discounted group tickets. At the moment, Wolftrap has agreed to waive the ticket fee for FOM members.
  - Group travel needs to be arranged
- Nalgene bottles for the departing stage
  - Jumana will liaise with PCM
  - Marc will create labels displaying FOM website and stage COS date
    - Jumana still has several boxes of Nalgene bottles left
- Marc will compile a list of new RPCVs in D.C. area
- Double-check the listserv to ensure that members are receiving e-mails

II. Regional representatives

- Request suggestions for representatives in NYC and San Francisco
  - Duties include: serve as FOM contact, coordinate 3-4 happy hours per year, liaise with D.C.; one year commitment
- Expand regional representation if possible to Florida, Chicago, and Denver
- Seattle, Portland, Boston, and Washington representatives are active

III. Website maintenance

- Post FOM t-shirts for sale
- Post request for newsletter editor
- Request for new material on webpage (e.g., photos, articles, and links)
- The website administrator's username and admin password were discussed
- Jeff will distribute statistics detailing website trends in November

IV. Additional points

- General discussion about the goals and future role of FOM
- Centralize information dissemination by using the website calendar and announcements board
- Suggest that individuals mention FOM when donating to PC Partnership projects. (This will allow FOM to track the significance of its efforts.)
- Should we continue using Ready-Call for FOM board meetings or use a web-based chat group?
- Should we consider paying someone to put the newsletter together?
- Next Meeting: January 16, 4:00 p.m.