

Swedish-Zambian Association
Minutes from the ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
March 20, 2010
at Etnografiska museet, Stockholm

§ 1. Chairman Rolf Svanström opened the Annual General Meeting, welcoming all who attended.

§ 2. The meeting approved that the AGM was announced in due time.

§ 3. The meeting adopted the agenda.

§ 4. The meeting elected:

- a) Rolf Svanström as Chairman for the AGM.
- b) Lennart Simonsson as secretary for the AGM.
- c) Eva Larson and Börje Rehnström to certify the minutes.

§ 5. Mr Svanström presented the board's Annual Report for 2009, noting that the Mindolo Youth Rights Information Centre project continued in 2009 and remained the Association's "biggest undertaking" to date. The project is viewed as successful and has resulted in the establishment of new youth clubs in seven secondary schools.

During 2009, an Evaluation Exchange Programme was organized comprising three SweZam board members and three persons from the Mindolo project, including youth co-ordinator Bruce Mubanga. The Swedish group spent two weeks in Zambia in June, and in October the Zambian visitors came to Sweden. During their stay in Sweden, the group met SweZam members in Stockholm and Gothenburg and also visited various youth organizations.

SIDA and Forum Syd have approved a three-year extension of the project for 2010-2012. This means that fund raising will need to be stepped up to meet the stipulated own contribution.

Several "After Work" sessions were held at the Ethio Star restaurant in Stockholm.

The board has a good relationship with the embassy, and has been able to use a conference room at the embassy for its meetings.

The meeting discussed some of the impressions gathered from the exchange visit and attitudes concerning the impact of the Mindolo Project, and some trends in Zambian society including the situation for young women in schools.

§ 6. Treasurer Elisabeth Persson presented the Financial Report for 2009. The Association had 106 paying members at the end of the year, three members left and 11 joined during 2009. Twenty-six members had not paid their dues as of the end of 2009 and were to be removed from the membership list. Overall, membership was not expected increase.

The Association raised 17,850 kronor in membership fees, compared to 22,150 kronor in 2008.

Flag pins and gift vouchers were a new source for fund raising for the Mindolo Project. The target needed for 2010 is 3,187 kronor, while 27,000 kronor is needed for 2011-2012.

The Association posted a profit of some 8,200 kronor for the year; the balance was almost 29,000

kronor at the beginning of 2009.

One issue of Newsletter were published at a cost of almost 5,000 kronor. Many members have signed on for the electronic version of the Newsletter.

The ongoing Mindolo Project continues to generate extra work for the board (especially for the treasurer). The project finances are reported separately under terms stipulated by Forum Syd.

No questions were raised over the report.

§ 7. None of the auditors were present. The Treasurer read the Auditors' Report. The auditors recommended that the outgoing board should be held free from liability.

§ 8. The Auditors' Report was adopted by the meeting.

§ 9. The Annual Report and Financial Report were adopted by the meeting.

§ 10. The outgoing board was held free from liability by the meeting.

§ 11. Budget and membership fees.

The meeting approved to keep membership fees unchanged (200 kronor/family, 150 kronor/individual, 100 kronor/student) for 2010.

The Treasurer presented the 2010 budget where membership fees for 2010 were estimated to generate 17,000 kronor (3,000 kronor less than 2009). Costs for the Newsletter (two issues) were estimated at 9,000 kronor.

For 2010, some 3,200 kronor is needed for the voluntary contribution. For 2011-2012, some 27,000 kronor is needed.

The meeting approved to reserve funds from the 2009 surplus for future voluntary contributions. The meeting decided that the board should determine the size of the sum.

The budget was adopted.

§ 12. Election of members to the Executive Committee:

a) Rolf Svanström, Chairman was re-elected for 2 years.

b) Magnus Halling was re-elected for 2 years.

Lennart Simonsson was re-elected for 2 years.

Eva Dalekant was elected (new) for 2 years.

Åsa Knutson was elected (new) for 1 years.

Hanna Eckeskog was elected (new) as alternate for 1 year.

Staffan Uddeholt was elected (new) as alternate for 1 year.

c) Tommy Hemmingsson was re-elected as auditor for 1 year.

Karl-Johan Sonnegård was re-elected as auditor for 1 year.

Tell Åke Dahllöf was re-elected as an alternate auditor for 1 year.

d) No Nominating Committee was active during 2009. The outgoing board served in its place.

The board reported that it had approached members to propose nominees but not received any suggestions.

The Chairman thanked outgoing board member Anna Tyllström for her contributions during her years on the board. Ms Tyllström was the only outgoing board member present at the AGM.

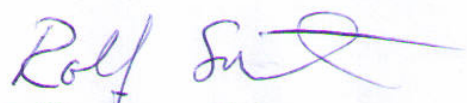
New board members Eva Dalekant, Hanna Eckeskog and Staffan Uddeholt (Åsa Knutson was unable to attend the AGM) were welcomed and gave a brief presentation of themselves.

§ 13. No members had sent in any proposals as specified in the AGM notice.

§ 14. Other business:

No other business was raised at the meeting.

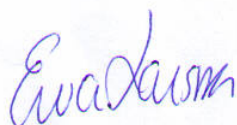
§ 15. The Chairman closed the meeting, thanking all who attended.



Rolf Svanström, Chairman



Lennart Simonsson, Secretary



Eva Larson, Minutes Checker



Börje Rehnström, Minutes Checker