



MINUTES OF GAMCHIX ONLINE MEETING - JUNE

VENUE: ONLINE ZOOM CONFERENCE

DATE: WEDNESDAY 27th JUNE 2018

TIME: 4:00PM-5:30PM

ATTENDANCE

1. MARIE ELLEN CHERY
2. SAFFIE JOBE
3. NJUGGA DRAMMEH CHAM
4. EMILY MENDY INNIS
5. OUMIE SAINE
6. AMIE NJIE
7. SUUN FAYE
8. AISHA SAHO
9. SALLY CHAM
10. BINTA JOOF
11. MAIMUNA BADJIE
12. ADAMA CEESAY
13. ALAGIE CEESAY
14. ESTHER KING

APOLOGIES

1. ANNA SAINE
2. FATOU S. SECKA

AGENDA

1. Overview of last meeting held in February
2. Response to important emails/chat messages
3. Taking executive roles seriously
4. Taking monthly meetings seriously
5. Yearly calendar review
6. 1 year anniversary coming up! Any suggestions??
7. Inforum update
8. Membership roll-call
9. GamChix T-shirts update
10. Update on future plans - MOU, Inforum etc.
11. Financial Report Update
12. IGF upcoming event
13. Update on AIS/AFRINIC 2018 attendance
14. Re-cap of past achievements
15. AOB

WELCOMING REMARKS

All were welcomed and thanked for making time to join the first online session of the GamChix Meeting.

THE MEETING

1. Overview of last meeting held in February

A brief re-cap of the last meeting was done and thankfully most of the minutes captured then have been addressed.

2. Response to important emails/chat messages

Members were encouraged to respond to emails and important messages to avoid miscommunications.

3. Taking executive roles seriously

Members, especially Executive members were implored to take their positions seriously or face losing them as documented in the constitution.

4. Taking monthly meetings seriously

The importance of the monthly meetings was stressed upon and that moving forward, meetings will only be postponed for reasons totally beyond our control.

5. Yearly calendar review

This was shared with the group for review and comments. Amie Njie suggested including programming courses such as Android. Suun Faye also suggested including summer programs. More constructive comments were invited.

6. 1 year anniversary coming up! Any suggestions??

- ❖ Wednesday July 12 2017 GamChix first mailing list was created.
- ❖ Monday December 11 2017 GamChix Constitution was officially compiled.
- ❖ Wednesday January 10 2018 GamChix was officially registered under GRA as a charitable organization.

Now which of these dates really marks as our 1 year anniversary??

Notwithstanding, it was mentioned that we should start looking for an activity to celebrate our first anniversary. An AGM was suggested to be followed by refreshments. More ideas were welcomed. Alagie Ceesay promised to get ISOC involved with regards to sponsorship provided we give them good notice.

7. Inforum update

Esther to communicate with Kevin on some technical issues with the platform. Interestingly, most applicants have still not even logged-in. They were encouraged to do so as the attendance is quite discouraging and doesn't look good.

8. Membership roll-call

According to our membership, we are 43 in number including some of our partners i.e. Nancy, Marcus, Kevin, Kebba, NSRC, if they are removed we will be roughly around 38. New members are still welcomed provided they are not going to be silent members. On average only 20 members are regularly attending meetings, with just a handful actively participating. It is understood that some members are away but with the platforms we have in place there is no reason for them not to participate. It was announced that there will be another clean-up exercise next quarter for all non-participating members.

9. GamChix T-shirts update

We had outsourced the printing of twenty-five (25) GamChix T-shirts in various sizes to be worn during the AIS event held in Dakar to represent the organisation but unfortunately the printing quality was poor so they were returned and are currently being re-printed. We have agreed that those shirts will be kept as gifts to be given to participants during another event. It was also suggested that we procured better quality T-shirts in the form of embroidery-polo T-shirts for the members of the group in the future to wear during special events as they will last longer.

10. Update on future plans - MOU, Inforum etc.

The MOU between GAMCHIX and UTG-ITCA has been signed. Therefore we can now proceed with the mentorship programs/career day workshops etc.

11. Financial Report Update

The financial report for the second quarter was discussed and shared. Those abroad were also encouraged to send in the monthly contributions. Emily to share the account number with the whole group again. Ideas on other ways to raise funds was also invited.

12. IGF upcoming event

It was announced that the Internet Governance Forum in The Gambia will hold a 2-day event from the 4-5 July 2018 at the Kairaba Beach Hotel. It was mentioned that all stakeholders are required to be a part of the group and therefore urgent call for GamChix members to join the team of organizers was made. Interested persons should contact Esther/Amie/Beran

13. Update on AIS/AFRINIC 2018 attendance

An update of the event was given and Aisha Saho also briefly shared her experience with the group. She encouraged the ladies to take the opportunities out there by not just joining mailing lists but to be actively participating as well to be recognized and taken seriously.

14. Re-cap of past achievements

A re-cap of the past achievements was made to encourage the group of all the good work we have been doing together as a TEAM.

15. AOB

- ❖ Banners, flyers and posters of GAMCHIX need to be created for display at the office and for distribution/visibility.
- ❖ Even though the online meeting was a great success with 14 participants, some suggested that we should still hold our meetings in person at the usual venue and only hold online meetings in case of emergencies or in the event the actually scheduled meeting could not take place for a valid reason.

The next meeting will be held on **Sunday the 29th of July 2018.**