



**Minutes of the African Seismological
Commission meeting held during the
IAG-IASPEI 2017 General Assmebly in
Kobe, Japan**

**Date:
2 August 2017**

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Action list

Minutes:

1. **Welcome and Introductions**

Atalay welcomed everyone to the African Seismological Commission meeting and asked the attendees to introduce themselves.

2. **Attendance register**

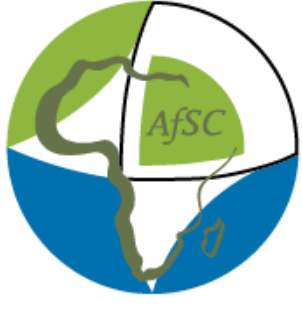
An attendance register was circulated.

3. **Minutes from the last meeting held in Egypt on 5 April 2016**

The minutes from the meeting held in Egypt were accepted.

4. **Matters arising from the minutes**

Atalay presented a short overview of the activities of the AfSC.

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<p>a) Working groups – activity</p> <p>It was noted that there has been no activity within the working groups which were chosen during the first General Assembly in Egypt. However, there are many activities within Africa, but ideally they should be coordinated and be included within the working groups. The various attendees mentioned a number of activities which are interesting and beneficial to the AfSC community.</p> <p>Atalay and Michelle shall contact the chairs of the working groups and request progress reports – ACTION</p> <p>b) Nomination committee</p> <p>Unfortunately, this committee has also been inactive.</p> <p>Atalay and Michelle shall contact the committee and encourage them to collect nominations before the next general assembly - ACTION</p> <p>c) Financial support committee</p> <p>Similarly, this committee has been inactive.</p> <p>d) 2018 General Assembly</p> <p>Only one bid was received. The bid comes from Morocco and the host organization is the Faculty of Sciences and Techniques, Al Hoceima, University Mohammed Premier.</p> <p>There was a brief discussion on the details of the bid and the following questions were raised:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Is accommodation included in the costs? - Will there be a course before or after the meeting? 	<p><u>Action list</u></p> <p>Contact WG chairs before end of year</p> <p>Contact nominations committee before end of year</p>
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- Will there be any other outreach activities?

However, it was decided that the Morocco will be a suitable destination for the second general assembly in 2018.

Michelle will send out a letter to Morocco alerting them to their successful bid and also asking them about the questions raised during the discussions – ACTION.

Action list

Send out acceptance letter before end of August 2017

5. IUGG request for funding deadline 31 October 2017

It was noted that should AfSC require additional funding for the General assembly from the IUGG, then the request should be sent no later than 31 October 2017.

6. Young scientist nominations for IUGG 2019

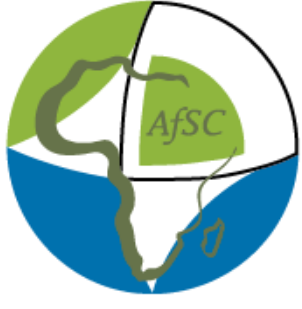
Michelle mentioned that the AfSC should introduce a voting system for a young scientist award in the 2018 general assembly. The award consists of funding to the value of USD1500 towards their attendance of IUGG 2019 in Montreal, Canada.

7. Change statutes

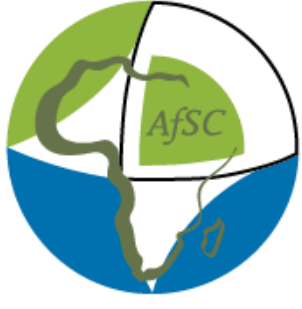
It was noted that the AfSC is required to change their statutes in order to be in line with the revised statutes of IASPEI.

This would require:

- sending the revised statutes out to the members of the AfSC for their comments.
- reminding members that they are required to vote on the revised statutes at the general assembly.
- advising members that should they be unable to attend the general assembly in 2018, then they should send a proxy.
- the statutes can then be voted on during the opening plenary of

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<p>the 2018 general assembly. - once the statutes have been adopted, the voting for a new executive can be performed during the closing plenary of the 2018 general assembly. Michelle shall send out a similar communication to the mailing list –ACTION.</p> <p>8. Other matters</p> <p>Manda Wang from China Earthquake Administration (CEA) very kindly invited 10 people from 10 different African countries to represent Africa/AfSC to attend the International Conference for the Decade Memory of the Wenchuan Earthquake to be hosted by CEA in Chengdu, China from 12-14 May 2018. He requested that a list be sent them. They will alert the AfSC of the deadline of the submission of the list. Michelle and Atalay will put together a list of 10 nominations – ACTION. Kai will alert Michelle of the deadline of the submission of the list – ACTION.</p> <p>Karim notified the attendees of the willingness of CRAAG, from Algeria to host the 3rd or 4th general assembly. Michelle will send out a call for bids for the 2020 general assembly – ACTION.</p> <p>Karim also requested that the mailing list be updated because they have not been receiving the emails. Michelle will update mailing list accordingly – ACTION.</p> <p>Raju requested that the AfSC nominate somebody to join the IASPEI Education and Outreach commission in order to coordinate education and outreach initiatives. Michelle and Atalay will nominate somebody – ACTION.</p>	<p>Send out statutes for comment before end of year</p> <p>Send nominations of 10 people</p> <p>Send out call for 2020 general assembly</p> <p>Update mailing list</p> <p>Nominate Education and Outreach person</p>
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Meeting adjourned at 13:30 PM	
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