



SEB-KENYA AGM AND ELECTIONS 2023

Minutes of the SEB-K AGM and Elections

Date: 23rd November 2023

Venue: Online – GoogleMeet

Time: From 1000 EAT

Attendees:

1. Prof. Paul Mbugua – Chairing
2. Prof. Catherine Lukhoba
3. Prof. Ratemo Michieka
4. Prof. Elizabeth Njenga
5. Dr. Caleb Otieno
6. Dr. Solomon Derese
7. Dr. Judith Odhiambo- recording
8. Dr. Douglas Ochora
9. Mr. Charles Nyamwamu
10. Dr. Joyce Mwaniki
11. Dr. Margrate Kaigongi
12. Dr. Pascaline Jeruto
13. Mr. Patrick Mutiso
14. Dr. Grace Gatheri
15. Mr. Philemon Lang'at
16. Dr. Bonuke Nchore
17. Prof. Regina Nyunja
18. Prof. Richard Mulwa

In attendance

Mr. Thomas Wanabisi- IT officer

Apologies

1. Prof. Joshua Ogendo
2. Dr. Philip Bett

Agenda:

1. Minutes of Previous AGM
2. Presidents report
3. Treasurer's report
4. Elections
5. A.O.B

Agenda	Details of the Discussion	Action
	The chair- Prof Mbugua gave his welcome remarks and gave each one an opportunity to say a word.	
1.	<p>Minutes of the previous AGM</p> <p>Minutes of 2022 AGM were projected and read through by the secretary. They were confirmed to be true records and were proposed by Prof. Catherine Lukhoba and seconded by Prof. Elizabeth Njenga.</p> <p>At this time the Chair shared the information about the sudden demise of Dr. Benard wanjohi of University of Eldoret through a tragic road accident in 2022. Members observed a minute of silence in his honor. He was a member of the executive committee at the time of death . Prof. Njenga also gave information about the much work done by the late. May his soul continue to rest in peace.</p>	Secretary
2.	<p>President's report</p> <p>These were the highlights of the report;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Warmly welcomed the members and was grateful because of their co-operation • Informed the members about the change of name of the society from Society for Economic Botany to Society for Ethnobotany 	President

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • That membership had grown gradually • Over 30 members had registered • Membership certificates were issued annually after payment of subscription fee • There was financial growth since meetings were done through zoom hence no financial expenditures • Activities of the year included a visit to Brackenhurst Botanical garden Limuru, which was an exciting trip to a garden with many indigineous plants • Was delighted that 2023 conference was held jointly with NAPRECA-Kenya for the first time • Informed members of slots that needed to be filled through elections <p>Challenges</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Payment of annual subscription was irregular <p>Acknowledgement</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Mark of Brackenhurst Botanical garden was appreciated • All members of SEB-K chapter <p>The presidents report was proposed by Prof. Ratemo Michieka and seconded by Prof. Catherine Lukhoba</p> <p>Reactions from the President’s report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • That in future, physical meetings should be encouraged • About the change of name, the Vice president explained name change; that Economic Botany covered a small area in Botany; the change happened through a vote; and has been in force since June 2023; that the journal of Economic Botany was also to change to Journal of Ethnobotany. 	
<p>3.</p>	<p>Treasurer’s report</p> <p>These were the highlights of the Treasurer’s report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There’s need to open a bank account for the society • Not easy to have the society’s money in a domestic account • Source of funds should be diverse as annual subscription is limited 	<p>ALL</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The society has 79,300shs as at 2023 ; this amount excludes the 2024 subscriptions <p>Possible ways of raising more funds</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Writing proposals Recruit more members <p>This report was proposed by Prof. Catherine Lukhoba and seconded by Prof. Ratemo Michieka.</p> <p>Reactions from the Treasurer’s report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • That opening account is tedious and along process • A certificate of registration of the society is needed • Possible to open an account with signatories clearly stated; officials can change but not the signatories • There was also a suggestion that we have a paybill although costly to maintain • It was suggested that one member should be incharge of proposal writing. 	
<p>4.</p>	<p>Elections</p> <p>The elections were held for the following posts and the results were as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Secretary- Dr.Judith Odhiambo Proposed by Prof. Lukhoba; seconded by Prof Michieka Treasurer- Dr.Caleb Otieno Proposed by Dr. Kaigongi; seconded by Dr. Mwaniki Member in the executive (member no.2)- Dr.Douglas Ochora Proposed by Dr. Otieno; seconded by Prof. Njenga Editor for newsletter- Prof. Richard Mulwa Proposed by Dr. Otieno; seconded by Prof. Njenga 	<p>ALL</p>



	<p>v) Student representative- Mr. Charles Nyamwamu Proposed by Dr. Kaigongi; seconded by Dr. Jeruto Elections returning officer was Dr. Solomon Derese</p>	
5.	<p>SEB-K activities and way forward Members agreed :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) To hold physical meeting in future for more interaction ii) Prof. Regina Nyunja proposed to head proposal writing iii) Field trip venues to be shared by Prof. Richard Mulwa 	ALL
	<p>A.O.B.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) Prof. Richard Mulwa to share a document about Professional bodies ii) Mr. Charles Nyamwamu appreciated chance given to serve iii) Dr. Kaigongi congratulated the elected members iv) Dr. Joyce Mwaniki commended the members for a job well done in the previous year v) Dr. Nchore asked members to recruit their colleauges and students. 	ALL
	<p>Date and time of the next meeting</p> <p>There being no other business the meeting ended by aclosing prayer from Dr. Margrate Kaigongi at 12.21pm</p>	