

# Association for Zambia in Arizona Executive Meeting Minutes

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## **Purpose**

This is the first meeting of the Association of Zambia in 2010. It was a general executive meeting.

**Meeting Start: 5:15PM [1 hour 15 minutes late]**

**Attendance: (P – Present, A – Absent)**

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| 1. Fabian Lungu (P)     | President                  |
| 2. Bupe Sloan (P)       | Vice-President             |
| 3. Esau Lungu (P)       | Treasurer                  |
| 4. Eugene Mwika (P)     | Vice-Treasurer             |
| 5. Jabes Mvula (A)      | Secretary                  |
| 6. Andrew Phiri (P)     | Public Relations - Phoenix |
| 7. Jones Tembo (A)      | Public Relations - Tucson  |
| 8. Kwame Musonda (P)    | Web Administrator          |
| 9. Freddie Mwale (A)    | Executive Member           |
| 10. Jacob Lungu (P)     | Executive Member           |
| 11. Kanyembo Katapa (A) | Executive Member           |

## **Agenda:**

***Item 1: Prisca and Wayne Update***

***Item 2: New Zambia in Arizona***

***Item 3: Passport Awareness***

***Item 4: Travel Plans to Zambia***

### ***Item 1: Prisca and Wayne Update***

We visited Prisca on 1/31/10. They have purchased a house and now reside in Maricopa. 2/5/10 was the date we moved them. Discussion ensued on the executive and the association to help out as we can.

**Action Item:** Fabian will call the sister to follow up on how the association can help.

### ***Item 2: New Zambians in Arizona***

Fabian is proposing a way of welcoming new Zambians to the community. Have a gathering of some sort, getting details and staying in touch with them. We should ensure that when there is someone new in the community, we welcome them and organize a 'welcome' visit. An email should be sent to the executive mailing list on the new member so this can be facilitated.

**Example:** Pastor Chabala just came into town and Fabian was contacted by Pastor Lungu. Discussion ensued on the events that led up to Pastor Chabala's move to Phoenix and how we can help him and others in his situation. Eugene has helped out the pastor by giving him some leads on a job and even at his work place even though nothing has panned out thus far. A visit will be planned to see the Pastor.

### ***Item 3: Passport Awareness***

We need to communicate to the community that the passport requirements have changed. Andrew will follow up with the Embassy. Working with Jacob they will contact the Embassy and see if there is a way to have a bulk number of forms made available to the community so that the passports can be updated.

**Action Item:** Jacob Lungu and Andrew to work on this.

### ***Item 4: Travel Plans to Zambia***

Fabian will be travelling to Zambia on May 2<sup>nd</sup>. He would like to take advantage of the trip and communicate what the association is doing here in Arizona and communicate and push our ideas and objectives, perhaps adopting a charitable organization.

Eugene suggested we work with multiple government organizations in Zambia. Fabian will work on communicating this once he is on the ground.

Jacob brought up the idea of adopting a ward at UTH. Mando had previously suggested that we perhaps get a donation of mosquito nets for the ward.

**Open Discussion Item:** Get the paperwork done (Kwame) with Fabian this week. Action is for Kwame to ensure documentation is submitted this week.

**Open Discussion Item:** April 10<sup>th</sup> – Kennedy Memorial coming up, memorial service is planned. Association can be used to help in the planning coordinated by the friends and family.

**Meeting Concluded: 6:30PM**