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REPORT TO SCECSAL GENERAL COUNCIL

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1. INTRODUCTION

The Library and Information Association of Zambia is happy to present the Annual report for the period October 2022 to April 2024. This report covers the following areas: SCECSAL activities, capacity development, National Conferences and Annual General Meetings, Publications and Collaborations, Membership, the composition of executive members and the official contact/address.

2. SCECSAL ACTIVITIES

LIAZ has endeavoured to actively participate in providing visibility on all its programmes and activities through the SCECSAL blog. This has helped increase visibility of the association.

LIAZ actively participated in the review of the SCECSAL constitution.

3. CAPACITY DEVELOPMENT

During the period under review, the Association carried out the following capacity building programmes;

1. A training workshop between 28th February and 3rd March 2023 themed “*Customer Relations Management (CRM) in the Digital Era: A Practical Approach*” with a total number of 55 participants. The training objectives were among others; to equip the trainees with skills that would help improve customer relationships, practice confidentiality and manage conflict of interest in line with their duty, apply ethics and

ethical considerations in both private and public life. Training was also targeted to equip participants with skills on how to use technology in securing both physical and electronic records, understand how to use Big Data Technology (BDT) for Archives and records management and understand and manage social media platforms.

2. A training workshop on ***“Enhancing professionalism in Libraries, Registries and Record Centers through ethical conduct, confidentiality, transparency, skills development and capacity building”*** was held between 4th to 8th December 2023. The aim of the training was to emphasize the ethical behaviour of Registry Clerks, who are information/ records keepers in municipalities. A total number of 153 participants were drawn from various organizations, majority of whom came from local Councils/ municipalities. Of the 115 municipalities across the country, more than 55 were represented.
3. A webinar on ***“Proposal and Grant writing”*** was conducted on 26th February 2024 with 73 participants in attendance. The objective of the webinar was to equip members with skills in writing proposals for grants.

4. NATIONAL CONFERENCES AND ANNUAL GENERAL MEETINGS

The 2022 Annual General Conference (AGC) was Themed ***“Creating Positive Change: Transforming Libraries and Information Institutions in the 21st Century.”*** The keynote speaker was Dr. Nkem Osuigwe from Nigeria and a Chair of the Public library section of the African Library and information Associations and institutions (AfLIA). The conference was attended by 167 delegates and 15 papers presented. Among the presentations was one on mental health. The paper captured the audience as it touched on the diverse aspects of the conference delegates as individuals and part of society. It argued for prioritisation of our mental health as it correlates with our overall well-being especially on how we handle challenges and relate to others as social beings be it at work or home.

Further, the 2023 AGC marked the celebration of the LIAZ Golden jubilee under the theme ***“LIAZ at Fifty: Translating Records Centres, Library Services and Research Information into Policy, Practice and Action”***. Dr. Bhule from South Africa gave a keynote speech and the conference was attended by 205 delegates with 21 paper presentations on varied subjects and areas of concern for librarians, record managers and archivists. Being a Golden jubilee, the conference was unique and provided numerous activities among them the pre-celebrations with local schools and invited delegates. Additionally, it should be noted that in both the 2022 and 2023 conferences, Annual General Meetings (AGMs) took place on the final day of the event. Within these AGMs, the President provided a report on activities in the years under review, alongside the submission of audited financial reports.

The Association also organised the first ever two-day student conference in 2023. This conference was held after the Pre-Summit Workshop for the 5th African Youth SDGs Summit held in partnership with Library AID Africa and with a grant from Stitching IFLA Global Libraries. In attendance were 40 students from three Library and Information Science and Records Management Institutions attended the conference. This was done in collaboration with LIS and Records Departments in these training institutions. The Workshop which took place

on 9 and 10 August, 2023, aimed to create a platform for emerging library leaders to build capacity on library advocacy, design thinking, and how libraries drive the SDGs.

5. PUBLICATIONS

The Association has actively pursued its mission of disseminating information and knowledge regarding research outcomes, emerging developments in the profession, and other essential information relevant to individuals working in libraries, record centres, and archives. In pursuit of this objective, the association has consistently published its newsletter and journal using an open-access publication model. It is worth noting that during the period under review, LIAZ released two newsletters and two journals.

These publications are accessible to all via the official LIAZ website, with additional hard copies often distributed, particularly during our conferences. However, it is important to highlight the association's ongoing efforts to transition the LIAZ Journal into a fully online platform, aiming to reach a broader audience.

6. PARTNERSHIPS/COLLABORATIONS

The Association has continued working with various partners and stakeholders in the quest to promote its objectives. Some of the partners include Zambia Library Service especially in formulation of the National Library Policy, Electronic Information for Libraries, AfLIA, and IFLA. The partnerships focus mainly in building capacity to members of the Association in various skills. During annual conferences during the period under review, the Association received support from Digital Science, ProQuest, Priya Education Solutions, Atlas Mara Bank, Trade Kings and Kwilanzi Fisheries and Farms.

7. OTHER ACTIVITIES AND INITIATIVES

The Association encouraged members to get fully engaged in World-Read-Aloud day, World Book Day, International Women's day, Literacy Day and National Library week, through various activities which included, donations to various community schools and prison libraries, reading and mind-game programmes in different schools and institutions across the country.

The Association awarded the following the status of honorary membership to the Association: Mr Robinson Bwato, Dr. Justin Chisenga and Dr. Charles Banda.

The Association had two of its members awarded PhDs and one became Associate Professor. The two Doctors in the Library and Information Science are Dr Tuesday Bwalya and Euphrasia Ng'andwe. Dr Akakandelwa Akakandelwa became Associate Professor.

8. MEMBERSHIP

The Table below provides a summary of data on membership (paid members) of the Association at the time of the report. The data has been disaggregated by sex and categories (or as is stipulated in the Association's constitution).

Year	2022	2022	2022
Membership Category	Female	Male	Total
Professional members	128	102	230
Associate members	01	00	01
Student members	03	02	05
Totals	55	91	236
Year	2023	2023	2023
Membership Category	Female	Male	Total
Professional Members	105	66	171
Associate Members	01	00	01
Student Members	02	01	03
Total	108	67	175

The Association saw a steady increase in the membership in the period under review especially in the year 2022.

9. MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The following are the Executive Committee members for the period 2023 to 2025 and their contact emails:

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1.	President	Mrs. Mutinta Mweemba Nabuyanda	bigptinta@yahoo.com
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