
MAM News

Treasurer's report to Medical Association of Malawi AGM, June 1991

The number of associate and full members has increased over the year. The revenue from subscriptions has dropped because of the increase in associate members and the departure from the country of several expatriate doctors. The Ministry of Health has continued to provide substantial support to the association without which it could not exist. The association is particularly grateful for the continued support from Malawi Pharmacies (3052.80 Kwacha) and from CAPS (500 Kwacha) and ICI (200 Kwacha).

The association made a loss of 711.14 Kwacha compared with a loss of 6057.65 Kwacha last year. These losses have been due to large increases in accommodation, food and travel costs. The average cost to the association of a clinical officer travelling from Lilongwe to Blantyre for a weekend conference is 250 Kwacha this year. The subscriptions were last increased in 1985 and at this time the AGM cost 487.03 Kwacha, the last conference cost 10262.64 kwacha. The implications of the last two statements were discussed at the AGM. Those present felt that it would be a retrogressive step to limit the frequency or duration of the meetings or to cancel the evening meals or lunches. The only

alternative was to increase the subscriptions and to continue to look for support from outside agencies and pharmaceutical companies. Several permutations of increases in subscriptions were discussed by the assembly. It was generally felt that the old system of salary related subscriptions was not efficient and potentially embarrassing to members who had to declare their earnings in front of their peers on registration. Finally, the following increases were given a majority vote by those present:-

Senior Medical Assistant	K 10
Clinical Officer, volunteer medical worker	K 25
Malawi doctors, Clinical Officers in private practice	K 50
Doctors on expatriate terms, Doctors in private practice	K 200

The assembly also voted a moratorium on the subscription increases until the members were properly informed. Therefore these increases will come into effect two months after the issuing of this journal to allow members time to reply.

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MEDICAL ASSOCIATION OF MALAWI**INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 1991**

	1990	1991
INCOME		
Subscriptions from members.....	5465.50	5220.50
Grants received	6000.00	5300.00
Interest income	1814.00	2767.10
Donations.....	2752.80	22081.35
Sundry income	107.00	413.04
	<u>16135.93</u>	<u>35781.99</u>
EXPENDITURE		
Seminars and national conference	15218.91	32153.33
Travelling expenses.....	0.00	8424.87
Subscription to CAMAS	344.35	0.00
Printing, stationary & secretarial	876.68	750.75
Bank charges and interest	52.53	112.35
Miscellaneous expenses	24.00	394.00
Subscriptions to CMA.....	507.00	454.97
	<u>17023.17</u>	<u>42290.27</u>
Short fall of expenditure over income	883.64	6508.28
CURRENT ASSETS		
Prepaid subscriptions to CAMAS	0.00	344.35
Interest receivable	1500.00	550.00
Debtors-withholding tax	389.60	303.11
Seminar prepayment	0.00	300.00
National Bank of Malawi		
– Current account.....	5091.14	5404.87
– Saving account	15024.79	19247.05
Commercial bank		
– Cancer research fund	2691.62	2479.12
Cash on hand	78.79	131.58
	<u>24775.94</u>	<u>28760.08</u>
CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Creditors	507.00	2000.00
Subscriptions received in advance.....	985.00	2805.00
	<u>1492.00</u>	<u>4805.00</u>
NET CURRENT ASSETS	<u>23283.94</u>	<u>23955.08</u>