**MC Division Board Meeting Minutes**

**October 14th, 2023 at 10:00 a.m. EST.**

1. **Overview:** The MC Division Board met via Zoom conference with the Division Chair Shola

Ajiboye presiding

1. **Attendees:**

Shola Ajiboye, Division Chair

Marc Bonnet, Past Chair

Carole Bousquet, PDW Chair

Jeremy Salmeron, Program Chair

Michael Keady, Volunteer

Pierre Haddad, Representative at Large

David Williamson, Representative at Large

Rickie Moore, Treasurer

Kurt Motamedi, Past Chair

Eric Sanders, Historian

Ivory Simms, Representative at Large

**Agenda**

Welcome

Review and approval of Minutes from the last meeting

MC logo updates

MC domain updates

MC Constitution review updates

Journal exploration updates

Meeting with practitioners – consultants – IMC

Updates on RISE 2023

Sponsorship of RISE and ISEOR in 2024

Guest Speakers Pool

2024 Chicago Team

Program updates (Jeremy)

PDW & DC updates (Carole)

Other matters arising

**Welcome**

Meeting began at 10:04 a.m.

1. **Review of Minutes from 9.9.23 Meeting:**
* Committee reviewed minutes and they were approved
* Prior meeting minutes have been approved
1. **MC Logo:**
* David W. Presented update on the MC Logo. MC submitted the logo to the AOM Graphic Review Committee for approval
* AOM has a graphic standard and the review committee is currently tweaking it to match the governing boards standards
	+ The graphic the MC committee voted on is aligned with their standard, the graphic committee is currently changing the front
* We are still waiting for approval, Shola thanked the logo committee for their contributions
1. **MC Domain:**
* Eric Sanders gave an update regarding the statement, David S. Marc B. were all working on the committee. Guidelines for the statement had to include the following:
	+ Who are you
	+ What do you do
	+ How does it benefit your members
	+ How does it benefit the academy
* Language from Kurt, synthesizing theory and practice was a line provided by Kurt, Eric continued to use this language
* The statement has been submitted to the AOM governing board and we are currently waiting on approval
	+ We are in the process of receiving feedback from Keith, currently he likes the last draft we submitted.
	+ The process of domain statements is long, the governance currently submitted it to the Chair of DIGR
		- The Chair of DIGR has accepted the domain statement
		- The domain statement is now sent to all 25 division chairs for review
		- The chairs review, if the MC Domain statement conflicts with their division statements, the DIG chairs will edit
		- In the December meeting for Digger, they will approval or deny for more edits
		- Then the general membership of MC they will have to vote, then it will at that time become the official domain statement of the division.
		- Eric stated that our statement may overlap with the ODC division. However, the challenge of our statement being disapproved is very low.
		- Shola thanked all members of the committee who made their opinion known in designing the new domain statement
			* October 1st. Was the deadline to submit our new statement to the AOM governing board
			* It was important for us to submit to continue as a division
1. **Journal Exploration:**
* David S. is leading this effort with Shola and Pierre
* Right now we’re exploring, nothing has happened. David S. is currently presenting at the Midwest AOM conference and Donna is presenting as well.
* This item will be pushed to our November meeting
1. **Meeting with Practitioners:**
* The Institute of Management Consulting (IMC), Michael Keady has pushed for collaboration with the IMC.
* David S. has introduced 2 practitioners from the IMC to Shola as well.
* The MC division is pushing to recruit practitioners to participate in the division
* Michael K. reported connecting with Gregory of IMC, he is the CEO and member of the Board of IMC
	+ Michael K. stated that originally, he was going to attend the conference and discuss the interest and partnership of the MC division
	+ The IMC has provided the opportunity for the MC division to speak with IMC and their governing Board
* Shola thanked Michael for providing the connection
* Pierre was in contact with IMC New Zealand. We have to access what do we have to offer the IMC.
1. **Update on Rise 2023:**
* Pierre gave the update on the conference which will be held in Lebanon.
* Right now the conference is till ago, there is no risk. The committee is in contact with the embassy to assure safety for all conference attendees, regarding the current conflict in Israel.
1. **Sponsorship of RISE and ISEOR in 2024:**
* Shola reported on the forms that he submitted to all committee members for review
* He believes that these forms are crucial for record keeping
* Eric motioned that we move to co-sponsor Rise 2024, Carole seconded
	+ We can address providing financial support to Rise 2024 after we assess what are their needs
	+ Marc stated that the conference gives visibility to consultants in the Middle East
	+ Jeremy stated that there is an opportunity for scholars in the Middle East to submit PDWs and Doctoral Consortium papers for the AOM 2025 in Copenhagen
	+ The committee approved of co-sponsoring the RISE 2024 conference
	+ The committee approved of RISE 2024 utilizing the MC Logo as a co-sponsor
	+ The committee approved of Pierre's Request for Project/Program consideration
	+ These forms will be submitted to the Historian so members will know what we voted on and what exchanges take place
* The board approved co-sponsoring ISEOR 2024 in June 24
1. **Guest Speakers Pool:**
* Shola reported on we will begin to circulate names of people that may be a good candidate to be our guest speaker, dinner speaker for our Chicago 2024/AOM conference
* Mike Beard has been submitted by Kurt Motamedi
	+ Mike spoke years ago at the MC Division, he has a good way of synthesizing theory for consulting practice - Mike lives in the Boston area
	+ Eric S, stated to also submit the location of the speaker as we would like to secure speakers who live near the location of the conference
	+ Eric suggested that the historian and Jeremy should work on that together to keep record and document.
1. **2024 Chicago Team:**
* Shola stated that they are in the process of recruiting people to be part of the Chicago team
* Right now Donna, Eric and David S. would like to be part of it
* They are looking for people who know the area and live in the area
1. **Program Updates (Jeremy):**
* Jeremy gave the update, we will receive the call for papers, PDWs and panels
* The calls will be published early in November
* The same templates will be utilized to manage the submission process
	+ Papers - we are targeting 150-200 submissions
	+ Symposium - target 20 (10 panels and 10 showcases)
	+ Development paper sessions - 10 to 20 presentations - we really want to attract practitioner papers
		- Also display at the MC dinner
	+ PDW - up to 30 to 40 submissions
	+ Doctoral Consortium - 15-20 students
		- The deadline of all the submissions is Jan 9th
	+ Jeremy would like for us to utilize our LinkedIn accounts to recruit participation and expand exposure
		- Also virtual meetings for people that are interested in submitting to the MC
		- In Jan, we will have a session to walk people through how to submit to the MC portal
1. **PDW & DC Updates (Carole):**
* Carole reported the goal to reach 15-20 students , she already has 5 names from students in France
* She is also recruiting supervisors for this process
* She would like to make this process more inclusive

1. **Other Matters Arising:**
* Shola reported people from other division are utilizing the site except us
* David W. has been monitoring the posting on our site, our members are not utilizing the site
* Shola will like to change the brand logo team to the marketing and education team, this team will move forward to work on the Newsletter. Ivory has stated she is interested in working on this team.
* Rickie reported on the finances. We are currently at $21,000 for the Boston conference. He stated that we are in alignment with our normal budget
* Carole reported on the Canadian Journal of Administrative Sciences, she is one of the editors.
	+ The journal has a call for their special issue in the field of consulting

**Shola thanked everyone for their attendance, the board will convene again November 11th**