1. Fund Raising

The email solicitation, “Friends...” letter, has raised about $6000 and has had a $2000 pledge.

The French Embassy in Ghana has contributed 5000 € to the 2013 AWBC postings to assist the University of Cape Coast set up a graduate programme in computer science.

I have applied to the Zeller Family Foundation for $5600 to support our project at UIN Suka to assist the University make its library accessible to the disabled.

The major donor campaign has a pledge of $3000 and is on-going.

IDRC has turned down our request for funding a project in Sierra Leone at the University of Makeni to assist it in building research capacity. The reason is that the proposal did not have a research component.

2. Finances

I have transferred 7489 to the McCall MacBain Foundation to cover our outstanding liability for 2011. This discharges the liability that we had to the Foundation.

3. Staff

I have hired Lina Kalfayan as the Institutional Manager for UIN Suka and Irwin Block as the website content editor. Lina has a great deal of experience working with universities in the developing world, especially in Indonesia, and Irwin has had a long career as a journalist most recently, 25 years at the Montreal Gazette.

4. Publicity

I have written an article for the “UBC Professor Emeriti Association Newsletter” about AWBC.

5. Partner Institutions and Projects

We now have a partnership with Memorial University of Newfoundland.