

ICM Annual General Meeting (AGM) Minutes
Sunday, June 9, 2013
170 Fleetwood Road, White Ridge
5:30-8:00 p.m.

The AGM began a few minutes into the starting time.

Attending Members: Hesam Aminian, Anahita Aminian, Ali Jalili, Jamileh Daneshnia, Roya Kadkhodaian, Shamsi Tirandaz, Omid Hadjiahmadi, Leili Zebarjadian, Behzad Kalantarpour, Majid Kermani, Fariba Solati, Mojtaba Mohaddes, Mitra Tirandaz, Khashayar Kamrouz, Hamid Zahedi

ICM's President: Ms. Mitra Tirandaz presented the President report summarizing the past year activities and thanked all the volunteers for their efforts. The AGM was ordered to be official with only 15 members attending.

PLC Report: Mr. Hadjiahmadi presented his report on PLC and described the expected growth of the PLC classes. He also brought up the tuition fee increase as the result of increased number of classes and students.

Event Committee Report: Mr. Zahedi briefly described the number of the events held since the formation of the 3rd BoD and made references to the reports about those events which are posted on the ICM website.

ACE Committee Report: Since Ms. Shahfar was not present, no report for the ACE committee was presented.

Treasurer's Report: Mr. Kamrouz went over the draft version of the ICM financial report which was prepared by ICM Auditor, a CGA, and delivered the day before the AGM. He explained the important items on the report.

In order for ICM to acquire approval from membership, ICM BoD presented the draft version of the Financial Report and members approved to authorize the 3rd BoD to approve the final version of Financial Report given that no major changes appear on the final draft.

Motion: It was moved to authorize BoD to approve the final version of the financial statement which is to be prepared by the Auditor. Seconded and approved by majority.

MEAAC Report: Since Mr. Doustshenas was not present, no report for the MEAAC was presented. Mr. Kamrouz reminded everyone about the history of the MEAAC member selection and that it is open to anyone to step forward and apply for it.

April 21 Joint Meeting Report: Ms. Aminian gave a short report about the joint meeting among many people who represented different group(s) or entity(s) involving in cultural and social aspects of all Iranians in Manitoba.

Before the coffee break, Ms. Tirandaz explained the voting process and how either the pro or the con viewpoints of each person is to be presented to the BoD and members.

By-Law Items Open for Change and Approval

Proposed By-Law 1.4 Addition:

- Any member who is eligible to be elected as a member of the board can be elected by ICM members. The first seven members with highest number of votes will be elected as the new Board of Directors. It is subject to acceptance by that newly elected Board member. Nominations are not allowed. The list of eligible members would be provided prior to the election.
- ICM members (18 years +) as of AGM are eligible to vote.

- **By-Law 1.4:** Seconded to open for discussion.
 - **Against:** The candidate should be present in the meeting among audience.
 - **For:** The change would help to increase the number of volunteers when the number of volunteers is low.
 - **Against:** The candidate with lower vote could get elected.
 - **For:** Based on the experience from PLC, it is a good idea.
 - **For:** Because we don't have proxies, this idea makes it flexible to select someone
 - **YES (9) (APPROVED)**
 - **NO (4).**

Proposed By-Law 1.5 Amendment:

- One year, and **No limit to participate in** consecutive terms

- **By-Law 1.5:** Seconded to open for discussion.
 - **Against:** The min. 2 years and 2 term limitation were to stop the BoD to be in hands of a few. It was suggested to keep the 2 year term and apply the one year term to half of the complete BoD.
 - **For:** It was reiterated that the suggested change would remove the limitation and help to renew the board.
 - **YES (6)**
 - **NO (7) (REJECTED)**
 - **For:** Agreed to amend the proposed change:
 - **Amendment:** It was proposed to amend the original by-law to keep the 2 year term and have no limit to participate in consecutive terms.
 - **YES (11) (APPROVED by majority)**
 - **NO (0)**

Proposed By-Law 1.9 Amendment:

- The president and the treasurer, **and the secretary (if either President or Treasurer is not readily available for impending payments)** have the authority to sign financial documents.

- **By-Law 1.9:** Seconded to open for discussion.
 - No pro/con discussion.
 - **YES (11) (APPROVED)**
 - **NO (0)**

Proposed By-Law 1.10 Amendment:

- Each term of the Board runs from June 1st of each election year for one year in staggered method (in which a fraction of members of BoD is elected).
- **By-Law 1.10:** Seconded to open for discussion.
 - **Amendment:** Each year the election be held in staggered manner for half of the BoD members.
 - **Rational:** To keep continuity. Approved with amended text.
 - **YES (12) (APPROVED)**
 - **NO (0)**

Proposed By-Law 1.13 Amendment:

- Canadian citizenship card, **proof of Residency for at least three years**, or Canadian passport
- **By-Law 1.13:** Seconded to open for discussion..
 - No pro/con discussion.
 - **YES (10) (APPROVED)**
 - **NO (1)**

Proposed By-Law 2.1 Amendment:

- \$20.00 per person per year, for the first year, and an annual renewal fee of \$10 per year as long as our budget will not go to deficit.
- **By-Law 2.1:** Seconded to open for discussion.
 - **YES (3)**
 - **NO (11) (REJECTED)**
 - **Amendment:** Membership and renewal fee be adjusted by BoD as required.
 - **YES (10) (APPROVED)**
 - **NO (1)**

Proposed By-Law 2.3 Amendment:

- Failure to pay the (**new or renewed**) membership fee **beyond the ICM calendar year end**.
- **By-Law 2.3:** Seconded to open for discussion.
 - No pro/con discussion.
 - **YES (9) (APPROVED)**
 - **NO (0)**

Proposed By-Law 4.1 Amendment (Bullet #2):

- Meeting will take place based on the following conditions:
 - The election of the Board takes place in the general meeting **every year**.
- **By-Law 4.1:** Seconded to open for discussion.
 - No pro/con discussion.
 - **YES (10) (APPROVED)**

- NO (0)

Proposed By-Law 4.1 Amendment (Bullet #1):

- Meeting will take place based on the following conditions:
 - One meeting per year (during the month of June).
- **By-Law 4.1:** Seconded to open for discussion.
 - This is to align with the By-law 1.10. No pro/con discussion.
 - YES (11) (APPROVED)
 - NO (0)

Proposed By-Law 4.1 Amendment (Bullet #5):

- Meeting will take place based on the following conditions:
 - The general meeting will be official with any number of members present.
- **By-Law 4.1:** Seconded to open for discussion.
 - **Amendment:** “During the month of June”.
 - YES (11) (APPROVED)
 - NO (0)
 - By default, Bullets #6 & & were removed.

Proposed By-Law 4.2 Amendment:

- Meeting will take place based on the following conditions:
 - The special general meeting will be official with any number of members present.
- **By-Law 4.2:** Seconded to open for discussion..
 - No pro/con discussion.
 - YES (12) (APPROVED)
 - NO (0)
- **By-Law 5.0 Amendment:** Seconded to open for discussion.
 - **Amendment:** “Any general or special meeting” seconded.
 - YES (12) (APPROVED)
 - NO (0)

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 pm. Next AGM is to be scheduled.