

Meeting Minutes of the ICM Board of Directors
Thursday, July 7, 2011
285 Pembina Hwy

The meeting was called into order at 7:10.

Attendance

Directors present: Mr. Kermani, Mr. Doustshenas, Mr. Kamrouz, Mr. Saleh-Azad, and Ms. Shooshtari

Regrets: None

Guests: Mr. Amir Amiri

Accepting the meeting Agenda

Meeting agenda was approved as distributed.

Approval of the last minutes:

Minutes of June 9th meeting were reviewed and approved with some minor revisions. Minutes of May 26 will be posted on ICM web site after Ms. Shooshtari's review and approval.

Membership Reports: No new member since last meeting

Communications and Correspondence:

E-mails. Mr. Kamrouz reported that since last meeting there were 4 e-mails to the ICM. Mr. Kamrouz will be responding to two on behalf of the Board.

Voicemail & Mail: Mr. Kermani reported that there was no mailbox available with Canada Post. We are again with UPS. For "Magic Jack", the annual fee is \$19 per year, or \$54 for five years. The Board approved renewing with Magic Jack for another year at the cost of \$19. Mr. Kermani reported that there were no mails due to strike.

Committees' Reports

Persian Language Classes (PLC): Mr. Kamrouz reported that PLC held it's "end of the year celebration" at Crescent Park. There was a \$55 fee to save the space for the event. Evaluation reports were handed to the students for the academic year 2010-2011 and the 3 teachers and 1 teacher assistant were presented with gifts (Cheques of \$250 each). Registration forms for next year have also been distributed to the current PLC students. There were some photos taken at the End of the Year Celebration event. Ms. Shooshtari will send a few selected photos to be posted on ICM web site along with Mr. Kamrouz's report for the academic year 2010-2011. Ms. Shooshtari as the PLC new Chair will organize an orientation/registration session for the 2011-2012 academic year.

Events: Mr. Kermani reported that some members of the Events Committee are away and they are short of volunteers. The ICM next event is the summer picnic at the Park on July 31. The

Event Committee decided not to provide lunch this year. People could bring their own lunch. Mr. Kermani has also spoken to EtemDog Cart, and they are interested in attending on site and provide food as an independent food vendor. Mr. Kamrouz has paid \$55 fee to save the space at the Park for the event. Mr. Kamrouz made the motion to devote a total of \$200 (including the space fee) for the event. The motion was approved by Mr. Arash Saleh-Azad, seconded by Ms. Shooshtari; 5 Approved, 0 Opposed, and 0 Abstained; All in favour, Motion carried. Mr. Kermani will be away and won't be able to attend the picnic.

Arts, Culture, and Education (ACE): Mr. Kermani introduced Mr. Amir Amiri, who is a musician new to Winnipeg and invited him to talk about his ideas for collaboration with ICM. Mr. Amiri Thanks the Board for having him and mentioned that he is interested in offering terms of music and have a concert at the end of each term. He is also interested in collaborating with PLC in teaching Music to the Iranian students attending classes. He mentioned there are opportunities to apply for grants, for example, to purchase a few musical instruments for teaching music to the members of the Community. Mr. Amiri also indicated that he would like to invite other Iranian musicians from other jurisdictions in Canada to Winnipeg for concert (at least one concert per year). Ms. Shooshtari welcomed the idea of teaching music on a voluntarily basis to the PLC students. She said she will invite Mr. Amiri to the next PLC meeting to plan for the coming year. Mr. Amiri left at 9:00 p.m.

New Businesses: New business items were reviewed and deferred to the next meeting for the discussion. Three documents were distrusted to be considered for the discussions at the next Board meeting:

- PLC 2011-2012 academic year budget
- Duties and responsibilities of the Treasurer
- Consent Form for Seminars

At the end of the meeting transfer of the ICM documents was made from Mr. Kamrouz (as the previous ICM Board's Secretary) to Ms. Shooshtari as the new Secretary. Board agreed with membership list to be kept and maintained by Mr. Kamrouz who will continue as the Communication officer.

Mr. Kermani brought the urgent matter of "grant writing" to the Board' attention. He mentioned that there are a couple of opportunities with October deadline. He asked a "Grant Writing Working Group" to be established to work on the grant applications. Five people were either nominated or volunteered including Mr. Amir Amiri, Mr. Kourosh Doustshenas, Mr. Kermani, Mr. Saleh-Azad, and Ms. Shahin Shooshtari.

Next Meeting: Thursday July 21, 2011

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 pm.