

## **Meeting Minutes of the ICM Board of Directors;**

**Thursday, April 28<sup>th</sup>, 2011 in Winnipeg at Canada Inns Fort Garry Hotel**

The meeting was called into order with the following six directors present: Mr. Kermani, Mr. Doustshenas, Mr. Azizkhani, Mr. Kamrouz, Mr. Saleh-Azad, and Ms. Shooshtari as a new Board member at 7:20 pm. Also, Mr. Jalili was present at the meeting as the ICM's new auditor.

The last unfinished meeting's agenda of April 21<sup>st</sup> is continued.

A motion was made by Mr. Saleh-Azad to approve the Board meeting minutes of Apr. 21<sup>st</sup>, 2011; Seconded by Mr. Kamrouz; Few minor corrections; 5 Approved, 0 Opposed, and 0 Abstained; **Motion carried.**

### Communications and Correspondence:

Mr. Jalili started talking about his previous recommendations regarding the ICM's lack of expenditures during the last year and the importance of hiring an accountant to audit the ICM's books and records. He stated that hiring a CGA or CA auditor will add more credibility to ICM, so it will be in a better position to apply for government grants, or apply for the charity status.

It was replied by the Board members that the reason behind not spending the existing funds is mainly because of ICM's insecurity, and being cautious in spending it on items that are not in urgent need. Otherwise, there is a need to spend some of the money in renting an office for ICM's day to day operations, and purchasing a projector or a laptop to be used in ICM's events, and educational programs. Mr. Jalili left the meeting and will be waiting to hear about hiring an accountant by the due date. Otherwise, he accepted to review the books with no charge.

A motion was made by Mr. Azizkhani to hire an accountant in order to review ICM financials and report to the upcoming AGM for a maximum fee of \$2,500.00, by Tuesday May 3<sup>rd</sup>; Seconded by Mr. Saleh-Azad; 3 Approved, 1 Opposed, and 1 Abstained; **Motion carried.**

There was an email from The Multiculturalism Secretariat, accepting applications for funding under the "Welcoming Communities Manitoba" initiative, with the deadline of May 30<sup>th</sup>, 2011. WCM receives funding from Citizenship and Immigration Canada, promoting the strengthened participation of new immigrants in society; increases awareness of multiculturalism and the benefits of diversity; and foster more inclusive and welcoming communities. There was no volunteer to work on this project at this time.

Ms. Shooshtari, was surprised to see that the Board does not have a TOR of its own, and suggested to have one in the near future.

### Committees' Reports:

#### Persian Language Classes (PLC):

It was recommended by the Board members to rename the "operating and organizing" sub-committees to "teams" instead, in order to eliminate the complexity of having new subcommittees with new responsibilities and structures.

PLC will have to prepare its next year's school budget and present it to the Board for approval by middle or end of May.

### Sports:

Mr. Azizkhani has talked to the soccer team members, and they accepted, from now on, to run the games by themselves, independent of ICM.

### Art, Culture, and Education (ACE):

ACE committee is still looking for a suitable date and location for their "Music Night" presentation; It is also confirmed that Mr. Amiri, a well known musician will be performing in this event.

Baharaneh event's report will be prepared and to be posted on the site as soon as it is ready.

### Events:

This committee will be in charge of preparing budgets for AGM and Seminar events on May 15.

A motion was made by Mr. Kermani to separate the event's financial data from the main report. Effective Jan. 1<sup>st</sup>, 2011, all committees in charge of any event must submit their own report to the Board of directors; Seconded by Mr. Saleh-Azad; 5 Approved, 0 Opposed, and 0 Abstained; **Motion carried.**

### News and Media:

Due to liability issues, and its sensitive operation, this subcommittee is not active until there is someone from the Board to take the responsibility and be in charge and approve their activities at all times. Especially, when there is a recording made and needs to be broadcasted to the public.

### MEAAC:

Mr. Doustshenas reported about his recent appointment in the *Manitoba Ethnocultural Advisory and Advocacy Council's* meeting and had a positive experience working with them. He mentioned that there are 21 members in the council, from various professions and ethnic backgrounds advising and advocating government of Manitoba.

### NEW Business:

It is decided by the Board to send two thank you letters, one to the Premier of Manitoba and the other to Minister of Multiculturalism regarding the Nowruz proclamation. Mr. Kermani volunteered to prepare them.

A motion was made by Mr. Kermani to prepare and present appreciation letters to volunteers in the next upcoming event; Seconded by Ms. Shooshtari; 5 Approved, 0 Opposed, and 0 Abstained; **Motion carried.**

The Board has decided to send an email to the individual, whose background check was not clear, applying for a position in the Board, stating that with the current constitution in effect, the ICM Board of directors is not in a position to make a decision as whether to accept or reject his application. This case will be referred to the upcoming AGM in mid-May, for the members to decide.

Ms. Shooshtari won't be available from May 8<sup>th</sup> to 26<sup>th</sup> due to her work related obligations.

The next meeting will be held on Thursday May 12<sup>th</sup>, 2011 at Kelvin High school.

The above meeting was adjourned around 9:50 pm.