

## Meeting Minutes of the ICM Board of Directors;

Thursday, June 9<sup>th</sup>, 2011 in Winnipeg at Kelvin High School

The meeting was called into order with the following five directors present: Mr. Kermani, Mr. Doustshenas, Ms. Shooshtari, Mr. Kamrouz, and Mr. Saleh-Azad at 7:10 pm. Mr. Mehdi Azizkhani has resigned from his position as ICM's treasurer on June 6<sup>th</sup>, 2011

The current meeting's agenda was accepted by all members.

A motion was made by Mr. Saleh-Azad to accept the current agenda; Seconded by Mr. Kermani; 4 Approved, 0 Opposed, and 0 Abstained; **Motion carried.**

A motion was made by Ms. Shooshtari to consider the ICM Board's vote reflected in the minutes of May 26<sup>th</sup>, 2011 only as their feedback to next year's PLC budget; Seconded by Mr. Saleh-Azad; 3 Approved, 0 Opposed, and 1 Abstained; **Motion carried.**

### Communications and Correspondence:

There were two emails, one from a person in Iran requesting info about university of Manitoba, and another suggesting the ways to improve ICM website's social networking. One voicemail is received from a gentleman who just arrived in Winnipeg and looking for info regarding starting up a business. There have been some complains by those who don't receive ICM emails which needs to be looked after by sitting with Mr. Azimae to resolve the issues with emails.

Three new members are added to our list since the last meeting which will add up to 93 members in total.

It was reminded by Mr. Kermani that both UPS mailing system and Magic jack phone are due for renewal by beginning of July. He'll get a quote from Canada post to see whether they have a better rate available compared to UPS.

There was also a mail from "Age and Opportunity" who are dealing with senior citizens, and in their brochures their services and activities for various communities are explained. This might be a good supporting resource for future ICM's activities working with elderly Iranians in Manitoba.

### Committees' Reports:

#### Persian Language Classes (PLC):

PLC is still working on their budget details, and updating registration forms for next year. Evaluation forms for students are prepared by teachers, and they are getting ready for their "end of the year" celebration which is supposed to be as potluck in the park.

### Events:

This committee had a meeting on May 24<sup>th</sup> and their agenda was mainly to prepare for the ICM's AGM, and Volunteer Appreciation Day. In spite of a successful event on June 4<sup>th</sup> appreciating volunteers, by providing food and music right after ICM's AGM, Mr. Kermani expressed his disappointment regarding the way these two events were handled and was not happy by the Board presenting both events in the same day. He believed that these two events were completely different in nature and the discussions and arguments at AGM were negatively affected the Volunteer's Appreciation Day. Ms. Shooshtari also expressed her discontent about lack of structured program at this event.

### ACE:

This committee is losing Mr. Eshraghi, one of the main players in preparing programs for various events, who's leaving Winnipeg to continue his studying in Ottawa. "Dance and Music" night is still on hold until they organize themselves and coordinate their programs with Mr. Amiri, a musician recently found residing in Winnipeg. There will also be some plans to present an "Art and Picture Gallery" by this committee with details to be announced later.

A seminar is also being prepared by "Science and Education" subcommittee which will be presented in the near future, most likely sometime in summer.

### NEWS Media:

This committee is waiting to get its legal issues such as its consent form and copyright concerns resolved before they can start their activities. Mr. Saleh-Azad volunteered to prepare this consent form and present it to the Board at the next meeting.

### NEW Business:

Ms. Shooshtari pointed out about her pleasant experience in Iran, having participated in a musical performance, and inquired whether ICM has any policy inviting musicians and artists from overseas who are willing to perform in Winnipeg. This issue will be discussed at the future Board meetings.

Mr. Saleh-Azad volunteered to prepare a draft policy of the conflict of interest in non-profit organizations for the ICM Board, so members will have a clear vision about this important issue.

Mr. Kamrouz volunteered to provide previous Board's policies ready for the next meeting to be discussed and approved by the new Board members.

A motion was made by Ms. Shooshtari to appoint Mr. Kamrouz as Iranian Community of Manitoba's Treasurer, following Mr. Azizkhani's resignation, effective June 10, 2011, and the Iranian Community of Manitoba's Board of directors authorizes him to get signing authority from Assiniboine Credit Union; Seconded by Mr. Saleh-Azad; 4 Approved, 0 Opposed, and 0 Abstained; **Motion carried.**

There will have to be a meeting to be announced later in order to receive all necessary documents from Mr. Azizkhani, with all Board members present signing the letter including all items disclosed. The details of the ICM's treasurer position and its responsibilities will be discussed in the next meeting. Mr. Saleh-Azad volunteered to prepare the treasurer's job description in non-profit organizations for the ICM Board to have a clear idea about it.

A motion was made by Mr. Kermani to appoint Ms. Shooshtari as Iranian Community of Manitoba's Secretary, following Mr. Kamrouz's resignation, effective June 20, 2011; Seconded by Mr. Saleh-Azad; 4 Approved, 0 Opposed, and 0 Abstained; **Motion carried.**

A motion was made by Mr. Kermani to appoint Ms. Shooshtari as Persian Language Classes' chair, following Mr. Kamrouz's resignation, effective July 1, 2011; Seconded by Mr. Saleh-Azad; 4 Approved, 0 Opposed, and 0 Abstained; **Motion carried.**

The next meeting will be held on Thursday July 7<sup>th</sup>, 2011, 7:00 pm at 285 Pembina Hwy.

The above meeting was adjourned around 9:55 pm.