

ICM Annual General Meeting (AGM) Minutes  
Sunday, May 6, 2012  
200 Dalhousie Drive  
4:00-6:00 p.m.

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The meeting was called into order at 5:15 p.m., with a total of 22 members in attendance.

**Welcoming ICM's members** - The ICM President, Mr. Kermani welcomed ICM members attending the meeting.

**Welcoming ICM's New Board of Directors** – Mr. Kermani welcomed the ICM's new Board of Directors. Mr. Doutshenas as the Chair of the ICM BOD's Election Committee also welcomed the new directors and invited them to introduce themselves. He mentioned that as there were 7 candidates for the ICM third Board of Directors, there was no election, but this is the formal introduction of the new Board, conditional upon provision of the required documents by June 14, 2012.

**Audit Report** – The auditor, Ms. Elham Molaie presented the ICM financial statements for the period of April 1, 2011 to March 31, 2012. A copy of the signed financial statements is enclosed. Mr. Kamrouz mentioned that ICM has received a cheque in the amount of \$4,500 from Government of Manitoba, as the first payment of the grant awarded. The total amount of the grant awarded was \$15,000, but the remaining amount will be given upon the Bingo Sessions that the ICM members will run as volunteers. Following the first Bingo session, the ICM has received a total of \$9,000 so far. A couple of members expressed interest in assisting with the remaining Bingo sessions, who were encouraged to contact Mr. Kamrouz. It was suggested that carpooling may assist with recruiting more volunteers for Bingo sessions.

There was a couple of question regarding PLC budget – The ICM financial statements indicate a surplus for PLC. It was suggested if that's the case, then to decrease the PLC students' tuition fee. Ms. Shooshtari, as the Chair of PLC Committee, responded that last year we presented our volunteer teachers and teacher assistants (TAs), with a small amount of gift. She mentioned that it is the PLC Committee's recommendation to present teachers and TAs with a slightly higher amount this year. There was a question regarding location of Persian Language Classes – Why at Kelvin High School, which is far from where the majority of Iranian families live. Ms. Shooshtari responded that it is only Winnipeg School Division which provides such facility for special language classes such as PLC. The location is almost free, as we only pay an annual fee of \$20.

Mr. Mohaddes made a motion to approve the financial report of ICM for the fiscal year 2011-2012. Motion was seconded by Ms. Tirandaz. 0 opposed, 0 abstained, all 22 in favour. **Motion carried.**

## **ICM Reports**

**Social, Cultural and Scientific Events Reports** – Mr. Kermani provided a brief overview of ICM activities organized and led by the second Board of Directors and in collaboration with over 85 volunteers serving on different ICM Committees, or helping on an ad-hoc basis. The ICM second BOD and committees have had over 140 formal meetings over the past two years; organized 16 events including Mehregan celebration in Manitoba for the first time. The PLC were held on a weekly basis, with about 30 sessions of 2.5 hours during each academic year. Proclamation of Iranian Nowruz by Government of Manitoba, initiation of Community Award Program, Communication with other Non for Profit organizations, cooperation with UMISA and joint organization of Yalda Night celebration, close collaboration with Winnipeg Harvest were a few initiatives highlighted. Mr. Kermani also mentioned that for the first time, ICM was successful with its first grant application to the Government of Manitoba and approved to receive a total amount of \$15,000 (\$4,500 as a cheque, and the remaining following successful assistance with the Bingo sessions). He also reported that one of the ICM directors has joined MEEAC, which is a very important role as selected members have the opportunity to serve as liaison between Manitoba Government and ethno-cultural communities in related affairs. Mr. Doustshenas from the ICM second BOD is one of the selected members, serving on MEEAC. He was invited to provide a very brief overview of MEEAC and it's relevance to the ICM.

**PLC Reports and Updates** – Ms Shooshtari as the Chair of the PLC provided a brief overview of PLC goals and activities; the structure of PLC Committee; the current members of PLC Committee (6); the current number of students in different levels (19 in total), and invited all those interested in learning more about PLC to attend an orientation session, scheduled for Saturday June 2 from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. at Kelvin High School.

Mr. Kermani reported that ICM has planned a “Volunteer Appreciation Day” on June 9<sup>th</sup> , and extended invitation to all those who have served the Iranian Community as a volunteer in any capacity during 2011-2012.

**Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 6:30 pm.