

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

**Thursday, February 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2012 in Winnipeg at CanadInns, Pembina Hwy.**

The Board meeting was called into order with the presence of Mr. Kermani, Mr. Doustshenas, Mr. Kamrouz, and Mr. Saleh-Azad at 7:15 pm. Regrets: Ms. Shooshtari. Mr. Ahmadi, one of the ICM members was present at the meeting as a guest.

A motion was made by Mr. Kermani to accept the current agenda; Seconded by Mr. Saleh-Azad; 3 Approved, 0 Opposed, and 0 Abstained; **Motion carried.**

A motion was made by Mr. Saleh-Azad to approve the Board meeting minutes of Dec. 8<sup>th</sup>, 2011; Seconded by Mr. Kamrouz; 3 Approved, 0 Opposed, and 0 Abstained; with a correction, on the first line, "item added to the agenda" must be spelled MEAAC standing for: *Manitoba Ethnocultural Advisory and Advocacy Council*; **Motion carried.**

### Communications and Correspondence:

Total of eight emails have been received, including an email from Mr. Mohaddes, a suggestion regarding ICM's Constitutional changes. Also, an email received from Dr. Moridi regarding a petition signed condemning any attack to Iran.

There was a package in the mail containing ICM's Nowruz 2012 (1391) Proclamation letter signed by the Premier of Manitoba; another, from the bank containing ICM December's statement.

### Committees' Reports:

#### Persian Language Classes (PLC):

Report from this committee to the Board is postponed until the next meeting due to Ms. Shooshtari's absence. There will be a regular biweekly PLC committee meeting this coming Sunday, with Mr. Saleh-Azad invited to hold an orientation session for members of the PLC Committee, teachers and TA's.

#### Treasurer:

Mr. Kamrouz will be presenting his monthly financial report at the next Board meeting.

#### Events:

There have been a couple of meetings to evaluate the committee's activities during 2011, and getting organized for the programs and events to be held in the year 2012.

A motion was made by Mr. Kermani to set the following dates for events in advance, as follows:

ICM's Nowruz Celebration	Friday, Mar. 23, 2012
ICM's Election Day	Sunday, April 22, 2012
ICM's Seminar*	Sunday, April 29, 2012
ICM's 2012 AGM	Sunday, May 6, 2012
ICM's Volunteers' Appreciation Day	Saturday, June 9, 2012
ICM's Summer Picnic	Sunday, July 29, 2012
ICM's Mehrgan Celebration	Saturday, Sep. 29, 2012
ICM's Yalda Celebration	Saturday, Dec. 15, 2012

; Seconded by Mr. Saleh-Azad; 3 Approved, 0 Opposed, and 0 Abstained; **Motion carried.**

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

\*There will be a Seminar presentation to be held by Ms. Shooshtari on Sunday April 29<sup>th</sup>, 2012 hosted by ACE committee, titled "Health and aging". The date and location will be announced later.

### NEW Business:

A contract is signed to rent a meeting hall at Whyteridge Community Centre for ICM forthcoming SGM on Feb. 26<sup>th</sup>, 2012. Two cheques were issued and signed in the amount of \$75, and \$150 for the hall rental and the damage deposit, respectively, to be handed over to the person in charge of the centre on the date of meeting.

A cheque is issued and signed in the amount of \$32.50 to be paid to PLC grade-two teacher, Ms. Kianmehr for her required "background check" fee.

Mr. Kamrouz volunteered to book the same location on March 11<sup>th</sup>, 2012 (after two weeks from the first SGM) in case of a very likely event of having to hold the second SGM meeting if a quorum is not reached.

Mr. Doustshenas expressed his concern regarding MEAAC and the existing lack of proper communication with members in regards to letting people know about this Council's news and activities, especially the upcoming open house and job postings.

A motion was made by Mr. Doustshenas to investigate the potential ways to inform the Iranian community of all MEAAC's news and activities; Seconded by Mr. Saleh-Azad; 3 Approved, 0 Opposed, and 0 Abstained; **Motion carried.**

Regarding an auditor to review ICM's financials for the coming fiscal year-end of March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2012, a CGA was contacted by email and a request was made to obtain a couple of quotes to get the financial reports ready for this year's AGM. This will be followed by the ICM's treasurer, Mr. Kamrouz, providing that copies of last year's financials, as well as the articles of incorporation are submitted to the accountant.

A motion was made by Mr. Saleh-Azad to set the Nowruz ticket prices at \$40 for adults and \$20 for children under 12 years of age; Seconded by Mr. Kamrouz; 3 Approved, 0 Opposed, and 0 Abstained; **Motion carried.**

A motion was made by Mr. Saleh-Azad to provide 2 complementary Nowruz tickets for the guest of honours to attend this celebration on the set date; Seconded by Mr. Doustshenas; 3 Approved, 0 Opposed, and 0 Abstained; **Motion carried.**

A motion was made by Mr. Kermani to set the budget for the entertainment portion of ICM's Nowruz celebration to \$500; Seconded by Mr. Kamrouz; 3 Approved, 0 Opposed, and 0 Abstained; **Motion carried.**

The Board thanked the member attending this meeting and Mr. Ahmadi assured that he will be assisting the Board and volunteers in the upcoming events, especially the Nowruz celebration.

The next meeting will be held on **Thursday February 16<sup>th</sup>**, 2012, 7:00 pm, at the same location.

The above meeting was adjourned around 9:15 pm.