

Meeting Minutes of the ICM Board of Directors
Wednesday, January 11, 2012
Canad Inn Pembina Hwy

Attendance

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

The meeting was called into order at 7:25 p.m.

This meeting is the second one, dedicated to review Constitution of Iranian Community of Manitoba (ICM). Mr. Kamrouz and Mr. Saleh-Azad as members of a task force reviewed the ICM Constitution and proposed a few revisions and suggested changes to the Board for their review and approval

The *first motion* was related to By-Laws, item 1.3 “Positions of the Board members”. The motion was to change the main positions from **four to seven** including 1) President; 2) Vice-president; 3) Treasurer; 4) Secretary; 5) Special Events and Projects; 6) Communication and Publications; 7) Webhosting and Publicity.

This motion was seconded by Mr. Kamrouz. 1 opposed, 0 abstained, 2 in favour, **motion carried**.

The *second motion* was made by Ms. Shooshtari related to By-Laws, item 1.4 “Methods of electing the Board”. The motion is that each candidate must receive at least 30% of the votes of the ICM members present in the election meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Kamrouz. 0 opposed, 1 abstained, 2 in favour, **motion carried**.

The *third motion* was related to By-Laws, item 1.5 “Term of the Board”. Mr. Saleh-Azad made a motion to change the term from “two years” to “one year”. This motion was seconded by Mr. Kamrouz. 0 opposed, 1 abstained, 2 in favour, **motion carried**.

The *fourth motion* was related to By-Laws, item 1.6.1 “President”. Mr. Saleh-Azad made a motion to remove the fifth clause “to act as official spokesperson for the community”. This motion was seconded by Mr. Kamrouz. 1 opposed, 0 abstained, 2 in favour, **motion carried**.

Note: If motion #1 approved, then the added positions should be described under clause 1.6 of By-Laws.

The *fifth motion* was related to By-Laws, item 1.6.4 “Secretary”. Mr. Saleh-Azad made a motion to add a new responsibility that is “to sign all the financial documents”. This motion was seconded by Mr. Kamrouz. 1 opposed, 0 abstained, 2 in favour, **motion carried**.

The *sixth motion* was related to By-Laws, item 1.8 “Conditions for replacing the Board members”. Mr. Saleh-Azad made to add if there were more than seven candidates for the

election, then the eight candidate shall be declared and notified as a “reserve” director, provided that (s)he has received at least 30% of the votes of the present members in the election meeting. This motion was seconded by Mr. Kamrouz. 0 opposed, 0 abstained, 3 in favour, **motion carried.**

The *seventh motion* was related to By-Laws, item 1.10 “Time for holding the Board elections”. Mr. Saleh-Azad made a motion to change “each term of the Board runs from June 1st of each election year for two years” to “each term of the Board runs from June 1st of each election year for one year”. This motion was seconded by Mr. Kamrouz. 1 opposed, 0 abstained, 2 in favour, **motion carried.**

Note: Item 1.13 should be revised based on the proposed changes in motion #2 made on December 29, 2012 Board meeting.

The *eight motion* was related to By-Laws, item 2.1 “Membership fee”. Mr. Saleh-Azad made a motion to change membership fee from “\$20.00 per person per year” to “\$10.00 per person per year”. This motion was seconded by Ms. Shoostari. 0 opposed, 0 abstained, all in favour, **motion carried.**

The *ninth motion* was also related to By-Laws, item 2.1 “Membership fee”. Mr. Saleh-Azad made a motion to add “the year is from April 1st to march 31st”. This motion was seconded by Mr. Karmrouz. 0 opposed, 0 abstained, all in favour, **motion carried.**

The *10th motion* was related to By-Laws, item 2.2 “Membership requirements”. Mr. Saleh-Azad made a motion to replace the first clause “Iranian identity (Iranian citizenship; born in Iran; have Iranian spouse or at least one Iranian parent” with “Iranian and non-Iranian individuals”. This motion was seconded by Mr. Karmrouz. 0 opposed, 0 abstained, all in favour, **motion carried.**

The *11th motion* was related to By-Laws, item 2.4 “Honorary membership conditions”. Mr. Saleh-Azad made a motion to add “Iranian” to the first clause” to be read as “Iranian or non-Iranian individuals, who are interested in promoting.....”. This motion was seconded by Mr. Karmrouz. 0 opposed, 1 abstained, 2 in favour, **motion carried.**

The *12th motion* was related to By-Laws, item 4.1 “Annual General Meeting”. Mr. Saleh-Azad made a motion to change “the election of the Board takes place in the general meeting every two years” to “the election of the Board takes place in the general meeting every year”. This motion was seconded by Mr. Karmrouz. 0 opposed, 1 abstained, 2 in favour, **motion carried.**

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.