

Meeting Minutes of the Board of Directors;

Thursday, April 14th, 2011 in Winnipeg at Kelvin High School

The meeting was called into order with the following five directors present: Mr. Kermani, Mr. Doustshenas, Mr. Azizkhani, Mr. Kamrouz, and Mr. Saleh-Azad at 7:05 pm. Also, Mr. Parsa and Mr. Bazzi are present at the meeting as guests.

The current meeting's agenda was accepted by the present members.

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

A motion was made by Mr. Saleh-Azad to approve the Board meeting minutes of Feb. 10th, 2011; Seconded by Mr. Azizkhani; Discussions: Just a few minor corrections; 4 Approved, 0 Opposed, and 0 Abstained; **Motion carried.**

A motion was made by Mr. Azizkhani to approve the Board meeting minutes of Feb. 24th, 2011; Seconded by Mr. Doustshenas; Discussions: Few minor corrections; 4 Approved, 0 Opposed, and 0 Abstained; **Motion carried.**

A motion was made by Mr. Saleh-Azad to approve the Board meeting minutes of Apr. 7th, 2011; Seconded by Mr. Kamrouz; Discussions: Few minor corrections; 4 Approved, 0 Opposed, and 0 Abstained; **Motion carried.**

Financial reports for fiscal year April 1, 2010 to March 31, 2011 is pending ICM auditor's review and will be tabled to the next meeting, sometime before the AGM which will be on May 15, 2011.

Communications and Correspondence:

There was a confirmation email sent to each director from Googlegroup in order for the board members to receive external emails by the ICM website from now on.

UMISA's email ad regarding their Persian Bash event is decided to be posted on ICM website.

Mr. Saleh-Azad is supposed to follow up with the grant application from "*Multiculturalism Grants and Contributions Program*" and will report to the board as soon as he gets the information.

Committees' Reports:

Persian Language Classes (PLC):

This committee had to cancel another meeting which was already scheduled due to lack of quorum as a result of a member being absent. In the meantime, there was a consensus between members through email to extend the school year from May 28th to June 11, 2011 adding two more sessions, due to School's spring break closure. There will also be an email to parents surveying about the school location, day and hours in order to apply for the permit from the Winnipeg School division for PLC's next year's classes.

Art, Culture, and Education (ACE):

Seminar presentation on May 15th, 2011 by the ACE's sub- committee of "Science" is under question since there hasn't been any confirmation from the individuals organizing it.

The idea of podcasting, which is supposed to be run by ACE's "News and Media" subcommittee, is under examination which requires having audio editing, and audio recording and so on. This

subcommittee has so far four volunteers for this project and they are very hopeful that this initiative becomes their major communication tool between ICM and its members and Iranians in Manitoba as a whole. They are planning to start their first broadcasting program in the near future. Volunteers are:

1. Mr. Mahmoud Azimae (Audio editing and webhosting)
2. Mr. Masoud Taleghani (Support)
3. Mr. Reza Bazzi (In charge of interviews and podcasting agenda)
4. Mr. Mohsen Kermani (Support person)

This project will be starting with a once a month newscasts, if successful, will change to biweekly and probably weekly based on demand.

A motion was made by Mr. Kermani for the Board to recognize the “News and Media” subcommittee which will operate under ACE committee; Seconded by Mr. Doustshenas; 4 Approved, 0 Opposed, and 0 Abstained; **Motion carried.**

A motion was made by Mr. Kermani to refund the purchase of the podcast audio recorder for the amount of \$123.57; Seconded by Mr. Doustshenas; 3 Approved, 1 Opposed, and 0 Abstained; **Motion carried.**

Events:

Mr. Kermani suggested having the ICM event’s tickets printed universal in order to cut the high cost of printing them, but it was rejected due to the liability issues. Mr. Bazzi suggested making the tickets standard and generic with a stamp created for individual event. This issue is put on hold for the time being.

Sports:

Mr. Azizkhani’s resignation as a chair of the Sports Committee was accepted by the board, and he’ll be in charge until the last game which is on April 24, 2011, at Joe Doupe Centre. Mr. Saleh-Azad suggested that he would take care of the sport’s committee as an acting chair after the end of this session, providing that there is a volunteer in the team to accept the responsibility of administering the games and report to him every week. Mr. Azizkhani will ask the team members at the next game date. There won’t be any contract renewal at the same gym until further notice.

Constitutional Changes:

Due to lengthy discussions over the constitutional changes to be presented at the upcoming AGM, with no conclusions, and shortage of time, they will be pending until the next SGM date.

NEW Business:

Mr. Jalili, former ICM’s auditor, has kindly agreed to review ICM’s books for the upcoming AGM event. He would like to officially receive an email from board stating that his previous request to resign was not accepted and the Board would like him to continue as ICM’s auditor. Moreover, he won't be accepting any monetary compensation and a letter from the board to acknowledge his contribution would be appreciated. Mr. Kermani is supposed to prepare this letter on behalf of the Board of directors to be sent to Mr. Jalili.

AGM’s agenda was approved with a few minor corrections.

During his 15 minutes speech, Mr. Parsa thanked the Board for inviting him to this meeting, and asked for a better communication as well as more cooperation between ICM and “Kaanone Farhangdoostane Iran”, which he is a member of.

Mr. Bazzi thanked the Board for inviting him to this meeting and his acceptance in the board of directors is pending his documents’ approval.

Mr. Kermani is supposed to provide ICM’s volunteers’ appreciation day’s budget which will take place at North Kildonan Community Centre on Saturday June 4th, 2011.

The next meeting will be held on **Thursday April 21st**, 7:00 pm; at Kelvin High School.

The above meeting was adjourned around 10:00 pm.