

Minutes of the Third Meeting of the ICM Board of Directors

Wed., June 23rd, 2010 in Winnipeg at Deaf Centre, 285 Pembina Hwy.

This meeting was called into order at 8:40 pm.

All members of the Board were present at the meeting, except Mr. Shaeri and Mr. Azizkhani.

It was noted by Mr. Kermani that since some of our committees have already passed one-year waiting period, board is in the position to apply for grant from the provincial and federal governments which will be pursued by the president.

The members of the "Membership Committee" are announced to be: Mr. Kermani, Mr. Shaeri, and Mr. Saleh-Azad and Mr. Bazi.

It was reminded that a draft letter has to be prepared to recognize Nowrouz as Persian New Year by the next meeting, and Mr. Saleh-Azad is supposed to find out what this privilege is called in the recent United Nation's documents

A motion was made by Mr. Kermani to create a new committee called "Art, Culture and Education". Seconded by Mr. Saleh-Azad; Some clarifications made by Mr. Doustshenas around previous Board's unpleasant experience of starting Poetry Nights and enforcing ICM's mission of being non-political, non-religious and so on; 4 Approved, 0 Opposed, 0 Abstained; **Motion carried.**

Mr. Kermani was volunteered to be the chair of this committee for the time being, and Three major cultural events to be celebrated will be: Nowrouz, Mehregan, and Yalda night.

Ms. Mazloumi suggested following some rules in case there would be any Poetry Nights again: First, Asking interested people to send their poems to the committee holding the event beforehand, and second, setting up a specific title for the nights in order to control and limit the contents presented in Poetry Nights.

A motion was made by Ms. Mazloumi to start celebrating Mehregan as one of ICM's major events. Seconded by Mr. Saleh-Azad; No discussion; 4 Approved, 0 Opposed, 0 Abstained; **Motion carried.**

A motion was made by Mr. Saleh-Azad to start gathering volunteers and members in order to form the "Settlement Committee". Seconded by Mr. Kamrouz; No discussion; 4 Approved, 0 Opposed, 0 Abstained; **Motion carried.**

Mr. Kamrouz was asked to find out about all the minutes, resolution records, and motions carried by the previous board in a hard copy format which were supposed to be handed over by Mr. Toufigh, previous board's secretary.

A motion was made by Mr. Kamrouz to start collecting a complete members' contact information, and all these to be kept on file for future reference. Seconded by Mr. Doustshenas; Mr. Shaeri, as ICM's "Communication Officer" is supposed to investigate this issue and report in the next meeting; 4 Approved, 0 Opposed, 0 Abstained; **Motion carried.**

A motion was made by Ms. Mazloumi to present gifts and raffles in the upcoming picnic, and setting prices for tickets as being \$10 for all, and free for kids under 2. Seconded by Mr. Saleh-Azad; Mr. Doustshenas suggested inviting people who have their own lunches to the picnic for free encouraging more Iranians participating in ICM events; 4 Approved, 0 Opposed, 0 Abstained; **Motion carried.**

Mr. Doustshenas warned the committee chairs from being dependant on one or two people on event preparations due to board's previous unpleasant experiences. Mr. Saleh-Azad blamed such complications and difficulties as a result of not having proper guidelines for committees in order to perform their operations efficiently. He is supposed to prepare these guidelines and present them to the board as soon as they are available.

A motion was made by Mr. Kamrouz to demonstrate board's transparency towards ICM members by considering a maximum of one member attending board's meetings in case they request it. Seconded by Mr. Saleh-Azad; Discussions were around the fact that how many people could attend and for how many times. It was decided to be one member at a time for two times a year maximum; 4 Approved, 0 Opposed, 0 Abstained; **Motion carried.**

A motion was made by Mr. Saleh-Azad to refer any business requests to ICM's yellowpages section of the website placing an ad for any purpose. Seconded by Ms. Mazloumi; No Discussion; 4 Approved, 0 Opposed, 0 Abstained; **Motion carried.**

A motion was made by Mr. Saleh-Azad for the committee chairs to follow and enforce ICM's policies regarding the volunteers working in the committees to be ICM members and pay their dues. Seconded by Mr. Doustshenas; No Discussion; 4 Approved, 0 Opposed, 0 Abstained; **Motion carried.**

A motion was made by Mr. Saleh-Azad to hold ICM's Nowrouz party on Saturday March 19, 2011. Seconded by Mr. Doustshenas, who will be the person booking a suitable location for this celebration; 4 Approved, 0 Opposed, 0 Abstained; **Motion carried.**

A motion was made by Mr. Kermani to invite those Iranians who have extensively contributed to our community, as a guest of honour, on a case by case basis to our events in order to recognize their services performed. Seconded by Mr. Saleh-Azad; No Discussion; 4 Approved, 0 Opposed, 0 Abstained; **Motion carried.**

The above meeting was adjourned around 11:55 pm.