

**Special General Meeting Minutes – 8 February 2015**  
**1055 Wilkes Ave., Audino Room @ Caboto Centre**  
**14:00 – 17:00**

**4<sup>th</sup> BoD:** Majid Kermani, Shoallah (Sohrab) Sobhani, Shahnaz Naghipour, Hamid Zahedi and other **25 Members** attended.

**Summary of the meeting notes:**

**BoD Messages/Reports:**

- MK delivered the report on ICM activities:
  - Current total of registered members with ICM = 80,
  - This year total number of PLC students=24,
  - Total administration personnel = 12
  - ECSP grant application was submitted
  - Short report on November 1 gathering
  - Talked on Multi-cultural event or Poetry night
  - Mentioned the surveys done during the November 1 and Yalda night
  - Short report on Yalda Night
  - Sought support from the businesses

**Open Discussion with Attendees**

**Improving Quality of ICM Programs (Nowruz):**

- FS suggested to bring artists/singers from Toronto/BC for Nowruz. She knows 2 people from Afghanistan
- FS also suggested to select volunteers from the present attendees and get their e-mail address.
- Suggestion was made to have buffet instead of food distribution for 300 people
- Suggestion was made to extend the PLC time and teach music and songs
- Invite the young people to cooperate
- FS suggested to hire someone @\$20/h to teach music
- MM suggested to bring other cultural group like Asham & etc
- HA said a good MC who could draw the audience attention to the ongoing program
- AA mentioned important facts about events like Nowruz:
  - Food & Music are top items
  - Children don't sit down during the event
  - We don't have a performing group in Wpg to invite
- ShSh indicated that PLC requires 30 min dedicated to children's program at Nowruz
- Morad K asked about the limitation of funds & people & suggested to invite other group i.e. UMISA & etc
- Ghilichkhani: Brought up the question why not enough people attending the events?
- MK responded: Nowruz event under \$3k is not possible
- FS: if a musician is brought, he can entertain for 3hours.
- ShSh suggested to invite UMISA for Nowruz
- Gathered votes for live music at Nowruz: 13 people raised hands < 50%
- Gathered votes for self-service at Nowruz dinner: 13 people raised hands < 50%
- Gathered votes for Iranian food at Nowruz dinner: 13 people raised hands < 50%
- Volunteers for Nowruz: Mahmood Iran./FS/Mojgan N/AA/N. Kianmehr

**Improving Quality of Rangin Kaman:**

- KK: include local news about Iranians & immigration laws.

- ShSh: New edition was interesting; HS students could help as they need credit for youth involvement.
- FS: 2-3 people should decide on articles & to include more ads
- HA asked: Is Rangin Kaman under ICM?
- One suggested to invite other groups to write articles
- Morad K suggested to include
  - Needs of community
  - Topics related to finding job / rules & law in the city
  - Interview with successful community members.
- HA suggested: a community page with local news or requests
- FS: printed copy of Rangin Kaman is easier to pick up for reading
- ShSh confirmed that printed copy of RK is preferred
- Ghilichkhani: introduce new businesses to improve flow of information
- MK: we need good writers; correcting articles is time-consuming; 50h to do graphics of last edition
- ShSh: people who were at seminars could write about it i.e. regarding RRSP or scientific topic. The writer does not have to be pro to write an article
- MK: the cost for graphics is about \$300.
- ShSh: ask people to pay for the ads in a year instead of per edition
- FS: obtain cheques for a year for ads on RK
- Volunteers to help with RK: FS/ShSh/Ghilichkhani/B. Gharavi
- **Improving Quality of Poetry Night/Scientific Seminars:**
- The poetry night could be mixed with scientific topics
- MM: volunteer tasks should be evenly assigned; we could arrange an Iranian club
- MM will look after the 1<sup>st</sup> one and AA volunteered to do the 2<sup>nd</sup> one
- MM: the club will find a location that is convenient for most people
- HA: Start once a month first
- The custodians of the Iranian club (later called Patogh): MM/MI/FS/HA
- Ghilichkhani: It shouldn't be so formal. He offered the hall in his apartment.
- ShSh: send an email to community to announce Iranian Club (Patogh)
- BoD accepts \$50/month for the club
- **Misc. Topics of discussions:**
- ShSh: PLC accounting is with M. Azizkhani
- MM: could help with finding sponsor for events
- ShSh: ask youth born/raised here to focus on the ideas.

**Meeting Adjournment:** Meeting was adjourned around 5 pm.