

ALGERIAN-AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF GREATER WASHINGTON

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MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

February 9, 2014

**5018 16th Street NW
Washington, DC 20011**

Board Members Present:

Youcef Aissi, Abdenour Azeddine, Djamel Benelmouffok, Naim Bentahar, Dalila Bessaha, Nadira Boumechal, and Ghania Chouaf.

Excused: Abdelrani Bessaha.

Guests: Abdelaziz Stambouli, Dahmane Benarbane.

The meeting started at 10:30 am.

Agenda: The proposed agenda was approved as follows:

1. Approval of the Minutes of January 12, 2014 BOD Meeting
2. Treasurer Report
3. Mouloud/Yennayer 2964 Event Report
4. Upcoming Events
5. Membership Committee Report
6. Miscellaneous

Minutes:

1. Approval of the Minutes of January 12, 2014 BOD Meeting

The BOD unanimously approved the minutes with minor corrections. The minutes will be posted on the website.

2. Treasurer Report

The total balance of AAAGW bank account is \$6,008.82 as of February 9, 2014. During the Mouloud/Yennayer 2964 Event, 18 members renewed their 2014 membership. As of February 9, we collected \$1,255 of membership fees. The total expenses for Mouloud/Yennayer 2964 Event is still unknown (some expenses were

not submitted yet). The event income/expenses report will be submitted during the next BOD meeting.

3. Mouloud/Yennayer 2964 Event

The BOD thought that the event was success and thanked Ghania for her excellent work in handling the logistical work. The following items were noted:

- The performance of the band was excellent and should be selected for future events.
- As usual, the venue Potomac Community Center is a great choice for our events. People appreciate the stage and the large area.
- The quality of the sound equipment was not adequate and should be addressed in future events.
- It was suggested that performers should be provided with their own table and designate a volunteer to manage the sales of their CDs. AAAGW should no longer be responsible of collecting money on behalf of the performers.
- Any unscheduled singer must seek approval from the BOD before he/she can perform on stage.
- Organize efforts to find a sponsor for AAAGW events.

4. Upcoming Events

4.1. International Women's Day Celebration (March 8th)

The next event will be Women's Day scheduled to be held on March 8th, 2014. Dalila provided a detailed budget totaling about \$700. The approved budget includes:

Venue: No charge (Building party room of a resident).

Nacer Benidir: to prepare couscous for 100 people: \$500

Dahmane: To offer a Cake for no charge.

Other: roses for all ladies, drinks, coffee, tea, etc. : \$200

Nadira: Prepare a speech and submit to BOD for review/approval.

Activities: music in background, Ghania to bring an iPod player with a selection of music. Naim to bring AAAGW amplifier.

Flyer/Message: a flyer would need to be designed and sent to members.

Website and FP: to be updated accordingly.

4.2. Chaouli Performance Event

Naim discussed the possibility of teaming up with AAANC to host an event with the popular Algerian singer Chaouli. The schedule has not been determined yet but, the performance could take place in April or May. Naim will coordinate with AAANC with the help of Abdennour.

4.3. Spring Picnic 2014

The Spring Picnic 2014 will be held at Cabin John Park, in Potomac on May 25, 2014.

Youcef, as the task manager, presented a detailed budget as follows:

Park reservation: \$150

Food: Merguez, Chicken, bread, drinks, water etc.: \$450

A number of activities for the youth and teenagers are planned.

4.4. Cultural Fest From the Maghreb to Near East in Columbia, MD

Youcef informed the BOD of an upcoming event organized by the Columbia Association and Howard County Library System to present a cultural event of displays, dance performance, music, henna etc. Youcef proposed to have AAAGW participate to this free event. There is no cost for AAAGW to participate. Youcef submitted a pamphlet detailing the event. The BOD approved AAAGW participation and designed Youcef as the Task Manager of this event.

4.5. Hakim Salhi

Dahmane discussed the possibility of inviting the popular singer Hakim Salhi to come to the US to perform in DC area and possibility other cities as well. Dahmane mentioned that Hakim Salhi will be accompanied by another artist and both have already a US visa.

In addition, Dahmane mentioned the name of an Algerian ceramic artist Akram who would welcome the opportunity to come to the US and expose his art.

The BOD will review and discuss Dahmane's proposals and take a final decision during the next BOD meeting.

5. Membership Committee

Youcef to call for a meeting of the Task Force designated at the GA of Dec 8th 2013.

6. Miscellaneous

Website Task force – Mohamed Chouaf to give presentation to the Task Force members on 2/9/2014.

IRS Task force – Paid for the Tax Exemption Application fee: \$400. Submitted application.

The agenda being covered, the meeting was adjourned at 12:20 PM

Action Items Summary Table

Action Item	Assigned To	Deadline	State
Press Release to be sent to Lawyers/VA registration; to be posted on the website of the association. Sent to members	Nadira/Naim	ASAP	Done
Call Smail to raise the issue of the AAAGW assets, mailbox key and other issues to smooth the transition.	Abdelrani	ASAP	Done
Contact ACAA re Yennayer for coordination purposes.	Abdelrani	ASAP	Done
send membership data to Naim – bring forms to event	Nadira	ASAP	Done
Updated by-laws to be placed on website	Nadira	2/9/2014	Done
Amend the draft minutes of the December 15 BOD meeting and send it to the BOD for review and approval.	Abdelrani	2/9/2014	Pending
Inquire about the second mailbox key with the previous BOD.	Nadira	ASAP	Pending
Provide the treasurer with the PayPal account credentials.	Nadira	ASAP	Pending
Check with the cancellation policy of the Potomac Community Center in case of inclement weather that would require postponing the event.	Abdelrani	ASAP	Pending
Submit a program and budget at the next BOD meeting.	Dalila	2/9/2014	Pending
Post the table of upcoming events on the website.	Naim	2/9/2014	Pending
Contact Hakima Amri (Ibn Roch/Averoes) for March 8 th event	Nadira	2/9/2014	Pending
Abdennour to contact the performer and explore future opportunities to perform in the DC area.	Abdennour	2/9/2014	Pending
Brochure draft to be submitted at the next BOD meeting.	Youcef	2/9/2014	Pending
Submit a full expense report for Mouloud/Yennayer event	Naim	3/9/2014	Pending