

# ALGERIAN-AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF GREATER WASHINGTON

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## MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

April 26<sup>th</sup>, 2015

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

### **Board Members Present:**

Djamel Benelmouffok, Naim Bentahar, Abdelrani Bessaha, Dalila Bessaha, Nadira Boumechal, Ghania Chouaf, Abdenour Azeddine.

**Excused:** Dahmane Benarbane.

The meeting started at 11:30 am.

**Agenda:** The proposed agenda was approved as follows:

1. Call to order and Adoption of the agenda
2. Adoption of minutes of the previous BOD meeting
3. Treasurer report
4. Future Events
5. Miscellaneous

### **Minutes:**

**1. Call to order and adoption of the agenda:** The meeting was called to order by the President at 11:31 am. The proposed draft agenda submitted by the President was adopted.

### **2. Approval of the Minutes of previous meetings**

Minutes of March 15<sup>th</sup>, 2015 were discussed. Members of the BOD were asked to forward further comments, if any, to the Secretary. The minutes will then be adopted and recorded.

### **3. Treasurer Report**

The account balance as of April 26<sup>th</sup>, 2015 was **\$4,477.11**. Additional checks in the amount of about \$200 are still pending and should clear shortly.

#### 4. Future Events

Preparation status of upcoming events:

- **Spring Picnic 2015:** May 31, 2015
  - Checklist to be sent to Rani by Naim
  - Coordination with Youcef if available for the execution of the event
  
- **Ramadhan Sahra:** June 27, 2015
  - Room rented (Nadira building)
  - Provision of music to be considered through calls to the Zenia Bothers/Hmida band
  - Laidia and her daughter could provide entertainment for the kids
  - Budget for the event not to exceed \$600
  - Non-members will be charged \$5.
  
- **Aid El Adha Celebration:** Sept 27, 2015
  - Option 1: Indoor event and room to be secured (Potomac Center to be contacted)
  - Option 2: Outdoor event to be explored
  
- **AbdelKader Secteur:** June, 2015

The performer is having issues applying for a visa entry to the United States. Naim is going to get back to the BOD with the status of the visa by May 6 and with the decision to postpone or cancel this event depending on the availability of the performer.

- **Chaoua Abdelkader:** May, 2015

There is a possibility that Chaoua Abdelkader may visit Washington DC in May and perform for the Algerian community in Washington. AAAGW may want to sponsor the event but there isn't enough details at this point to make a final decision.

- He will be accompanied by Djamel Lahlou
- He will be performing first in Montreal and then may go to San Francisco
- AAAGW may try to hold the event on May 17 in the DC area.
- The venue has not been identified yet.
- Naim will work on the details and get back to the BOD.

#### 5. Miscellaneous

- **Business Model**

Work by the Work Group chaired by Djamel is nearing its end.

Main ideas:

1. Focus on fund raising targeting the community and the US companies doing business with Algeria
2. Anchor event to “sell” to the donors will be an Algeria Cultural Event featuring the culinary art of the country, costumes, and music.
3. A movie showing event will precede the Festival by one day.
4. Detailed proposal will be submitted by Djamel to the Board for adoption. The event will be an addition to our work schedule.

- **Membership**

- Remains low compared with the same period last year.
- Efforts needed to boost it.
- List of members will be sent to Board members for renewal calls.

- **Biometric Passport**

Letter to the authorities about the need to speed the delivery process of biometric passports. Rani to submit draft to colleagues for inputs.

The agenda being covered, the meeting was adjourned at 12:31PM