

# ALGERIAN AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF GREATER WASHINGTON

## Board Meeting Minutes

Date of the Meeting: November 29, 2012

In attendance: Smail Farid  
Errazi Belmihoub (Sofiane)  
Nadira Boumechal  
Himed Kharbache

- Nadira and Smail checked the AAAGW account and there is currently over \$6000.
- Membership list: last update was received from Hassina Amrane. There are currently 89 members. Going forward, Nadira will be handling the membership list
- The board is also preparing the new membership letters for 2013
- The board spoke to the Ambassador regarding the status of Air Algerie in the U.S. There were some explanations provided by the ambassador regarding the inability of the airline to accept the US Open Sky agreement with current terms and conditions.
- Dr. Himed suggested the organization of a retreat in a resort for Algerians during a week-end in West Virginia or another State.
- The board met with Smail Chikhoun to see what he can do to work with the association through donations, cultural center, and many other activities that will benefit the association. The board will put the meeting discussion with Chikhoun on the AAAGW website. We are also expecting him to disclose details about AIDA organization.
- Smail met with Sara Bouarroudj and Samia Benidir to discuss the cultural center project; architectural design, building acquisition, and developing a list of donors. The board suggested to have someone writes a proposal for the creation of the cultural center. After the study is completed. The community will be informed and fund raising will start.
- The board also decided to organize the Yanayaar / Martin Luther King in Casablanca. Dr. Himed will coordinate with Fella from California to can perform at the event. Smail will find musicians to play instruments for her. Target date for the event JAN 20<sup>th</sup>.
- The board decided to adapt the Algerian Cultural Week (Tentative, March 23-31<sup>st</sup>) comprise of the following events:
  - Hafla
  - Algeria Women Stories
  - Movie Screening
  - Job Fair
  - Fashion Show
  - Comedian
  - Emir Abdelkader Conference
- Gusto Group: The Board will meet with the producer Safinez when she visits Washington in January to see if we can help with El Gusto Group performing in Washington DC in 2013.
- Task Force (IRS): No update from the task force regarding the AAAGW status. The Board will discuss with task force the next steps for tax filling issues.
- Board is also contemplating to meet with State Department responsible for the Algeria region to discuss cultural activities.
- The board is going to reach out to our Algerian congressmen (Belgium & Spain) to invite them to the U.S to meet the community. The goal is to discuss any issues and legislations that they are currently working on which could benefit our community.

- The board will coordinate a conference call with Algerian associations in the U.S. to discuss ways to work together jointly and cooperate on projects that benefit the community.
- Djaoued Bedjaoui and Fadhma Izri have both resigned for personal reasons. On the other hand, other members shown some interest in joining the board.
  
- The new board is now composed of the following:
  - President: Smail Farid
  - Vice-President: Errazi Belmihoub
  - Treasurer: Nadira Boumechal
  - Secretary: Himed Kharbache