

**ALGERIAN-AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF GREATER WASHINGTON
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Annual Report

Nov. 2001 - Jan. 2003

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The Tenth Annual Regular Meeting of the Members

By

**The Board of Directors of the Algerian-American Association
of Greater Washington (AAAGW)**

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1. Introduction

The tenth annual regular meeting of the members of the AAAGW will take place on April 20th, 2003 to assess the work done during the calendar year 2002. This gathering will also be used as a forum to discuss important issues concerning the Association that came to light during the Board of Directors' term.

The main objective of the current Board , as done in the past, was to strengthen the link between the members of our growing Algerian-American community, to preserve and promote the Algerian culture and traditions. In that context, this report will summarize the activities of the Board of Directors and the events it organized.

The report will also list certain number of issues facing the Association, as well as recommendations on how to address them.

2. Activities for the period under review

2.1 Period: January – December 2002

Special Events (Seminars):

- Tax Seminar (Mar. 7, 2002) at BCC, MD
- Breast Cancer seminar (Mar. 8, 2002) at BCC, MD

Indoor Events (Haflas/Parties):

- Eid–El-Adha Celebration (Feb. 24, 2002) at Sligo Middle School, MD
- Ramadhan Sahra (Nov. 23, 2002) at Tilden School, MD
- Eid–El-Fitr Celebration (Dec. 7, 2002) at Anthony Elem. School, VA

Outdoor Events (Picnics):

- Spring potluck (May 19, 2002) at Cabin John park, Bethesda, MD
- Fall Potluck Picnic (September 22, 2002) at Lake Fairfax Park, Reston, VA

Youth Activities:

- Ice Skating trip (Feb. 17, 2002) at Cabin John Ice Ring, MD
- Make your own video (Mar. 17, 2002) at MediaEditPro, VA
- Movie “ Spiderman” (May 18, 2002) at White Flint Mall, MD

Newsletters & Communication:

- General Assembly (Jun. 2, 2002) at BCC, MD
- Friends of Algeria - February 2002
- Friends of Algeria - May 2002
- Friends of Algeria - December 2002

2.2 Period: November – December 2001

- Flood victims Fundraising (November-December 2001)
- Fundraising dinner at Casablanca restaurant (Dec. 2nd, 2001)
- Eid-El-Fitr (Dec. 16, 2001) at the Bethesda Community Center, MD

3. Issues

As with previous BOD, during the period under review, the BOD was confronted with common past issues such as:

- Resignation of board members due to personal reasons.
 - This, no doubt, reduces the effectiveness of the running of any BOD.
- Lack of volunteerism from members at large. “sit back, relax and enjoy the show” attitude.
 - The implication is a limited offering of activities to the community.
- Slow response in the renewal of the membership dues.

As with previous BOD, there seems to be an assumption that the resources of the Association are endless. The BOD would like to remind its members that resources are scarce. The BOD in its choice of events must be mindful as not to dissipate the resources of the Association.
- The By-laws need some refinements/amendments.
 - It was noticed that there is no rule/article dealing with the association asset in case of dissolution.

4. Recommendations

The issues mentioned above can be alleviated or reduced by the following suggestions:

- “Alternate non active” board members should be elected as backup if one board member resigned. It is like having an extra board member on hand.
- Members and volunteers should be encouraged to organize events and submit proposals to the BOD. The BOD will act as a facilitator and funding resource.
- During the general assembly:
 - Propose new amendment to deal with the dissolution of the association and the disposition of its assets.

Appendices

AUDITOR'S REPORT

To: Algerian-American Association of Greater Washington (AAAGW)
Board of Directors


We have examined the accompanying Balance Sheet and the related statement of Revenues and Expenses which portrays AAAGW's financial position as of December 31, 2002 and the results of its operations for the period then ended.


These financial statements are the responsibility of the Board of Directors.

In this audit, we have verified the balance sheet accounts as well as the transactions related to the Statements of Revenues and Expenses. We inspected evidence supporting such amounts and disclosures in these financial statements.

In our judgment, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of AAAGW as of December 31, 2002 and the results of its activities and its cash flow for the period then ended.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of the Board of Directors and the members of AAAGW, and should not be used for any other purpose.

Signature  Date 3/23/03
MUSTAPHA RECHIACHE, CPA, MBA, Ph.D

Signature  Date 03/22/03
AHMED EL-HAMRI, MBA, DBA

Algerian-American Association of Greater Washington

BALANCE SHEET As of December 31, 2002

Account	12/31/2002 Balance
ASSETS	
Cash and Bank Accounts	
AAAGW	5,961.79
TOTAL Cash and Bank Accounts	<u>5,961.79</u>
Other Assets	
AAAGW Assets	436.75
TOTAL Other Assets	<u>436.75</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>6,398.54</u>
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
LIABILITIES	0.00
EQUITY	6,398.54
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	<u>6,398.54</u>

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2002 STATEMENT OF REVENUES AND EXPENSES January 1, 2002 through December 31, 2002

Category Description	1/1/2002- 12/31/2002
REVENUES	
Donation	890.60
Membership Dues	1,860.00
TOTAL REVENUES	2,750.60
EXPENSES	
Administrative	680.49
Bank Charges	11.00
Communication	696.48
Events	1,290.22
Legal Fees	200.00
Misc.*	2,052.33
TOTAL EXPENSES	4,930.52
OVERALL TOTAL	-2,179.92

*Note: The Miscellaneous amount of \$2,052.33 represents a check issued in July 2001 by the previous Board of Directors in payment for an expense during the Algerian-American Convention. The check was later presented for payment in April 2002 during this Board's term.

Inventory Asset

1. Sound System
2. Paper folding machine
3. Laminator
4. Donation box
5. AAAGW Banner
6. Coffee pot
7. Tea pot
8. Administrative boxes

Flood Victims Fund Summary

FUNDRAISING to benefit the Flood Victims Fund



Algerian-American Association
of Greater Washington & Andaloussia

Ramadhan Sahra SUNDAY DECEMBER 2nd, 2001 Casablanca Restaurant

Full Bar Buffet served at 5:00pm
Musical Entertainment by "Andaloussia"

Charges:
Dinner: \$12 (Food & soft drinks)
Reservation: Free
Suggested Donation: \$10 (minimum)

Reservations Required.

Please call Roda at (202) 473-5187 or Abdelouahed at (202) 219-2444-2446
at rodal@att.net or abdelouahed@att.net

Directions to Casablanca Restaurant in book.

ALGERIA Flood Victims Fund



Several staff, both Algerians and non-Algerians, have volunteered their time and effort in fundraising money for the victims of the floods. Several tables were setup in World Bank Headquarters to alert staff and collect funds. The response has been very positive and large amounts were donated to the fund.

Distribution of Funds	\$22680
ASTUTEP	\$4,000
CROISSANT ROUGE ALGERIEN	\$5,000
SOLIMED	\$6,000
AAEFAB	\$7,500
Remaining balance	\$180