

**ALGERIAN-AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF GREATER WASHINGTON
(AAAGW)**

**MINUTES OF JOINT MEETING OF MEMBERS (GENERAL ASSEMBLY)
AND DIRECTORS**

Date: October 18, 2003
Location: The B-CC Center, Bethesda, Maryland

Board Directors: Naim Bentahar, President
Abdel-Allah Stambouli, Vice President
Yassine Belkhodja, Treasurer
Nadira Boumechal, Secretary
Nacer Megherbi, Director
Abdenmour Azeddine, Director

The quorum of the members (at least 10%) and a quorum of the directors (at least 50%) was established (17 people total were present) and the meeting started at 11:00 AM and ended at 12:30 PM. Naim chaired the meeting and Nadira as designated secretary was asked to take the minutes.

Agenda:

1. Approval of the Proposed Agenda
2. Summary of the 2003 Events and Activities
3. Membership status and Financial Reports
4. Discharge of the old 2001-2003 Board of Directors
5. Election of the new 2003-2004 Board of Directors
6. Election of Officers
7. Other Business:
 - Storage Room
 - Future Activities

1. Approval of the Proposed Agenda

Agenda was approved after two items were added to Other Business: Storage Room, and Future Activities

2. Summary of the 2003 Events and Activities

Naim stated that the BOD did not organize any significant event prior to the election of the next BOD as requested by the General Assembly during the meeting that was held on April with the exception of the following events:

1. The BOD was faced with the responsibility to organize major fund raising events following the devastating earthquake that struck Algeria last Spring for the benefit of the victims and their families. In particular, a fund raising event was organized at the Casablanca Restaurant (Alexandria, Virginia), immediately

followed by a fund raising picnic (Cabin John, Maryland). Several similar activities were organized by other groups across the US to gather funds for AAAGW. In coordination with the World Bank/IMF, AAAGW has collected more than \$63,000. These funds were distributed between Solimed and the Red Croissant (thru the Red Cross).

2. Boualem Hammouda, volunteered to organize a forum for people to meet informally once a month, the third Saturday of the month, at the B-CC Center.

3. Membership status and Financial Reports

Yassine, the treasurer, presented the Annual Treasurer report:

Membership status: there are 53 paying members.

Financial Report: due to the lack of activities the balance remained more or less the same, and at September 30, 2003:

- Revenues: \$2,175
- Expenses: \$2,035.20
- Balance\$6,619.49

Yassine stressed that the major cost this board faced was the maintenance of the web site, and other supplies when mailing flyers or reports to the members (paper, envelopes, stamps, etc.)

The Earthquake Bank account for the victim funds had a balance of \$0.00 and was closed.

He also suggested that the future Board should audit the treasurer report by the end of December 2003. The latest audited report was done early 2003 by Mustapha Rechache and Ahmed El Hamri and was submitted to the last General Assembly.

To reduce the maintenance of the membership and free further the BOD for other more pertinent tasks, it was suggest to develop a website that will allow members to maintain their addresses, emails, pay their membership dues, and subscribe/unsubscribe to any mailing that the association would send. .

4. Discharge of the old Board of Directors

The 2001-2003 Board was discharged of its functions following a unanimous decision of the General Assembly

Naim was asked to be the chairperson, and Nadira to continue taking the minutes.

Before holding new elections of a new board, Naim advised the members present at this general assembly to brainstorm, before nominating people to be elected as new board

members. The following people were nominated:

- Nabila Belhadj
- Mourad Benachenhou
- Abderahmi Bessaha (Abdelghani)
- Dalila Bessaha
- Amina Bouadis
- Kader Brahim
- Smail Farid
- Boualem Hammouda
- Meriem Hamlil
- Mourad Rezig

5. Election of the new 2003-2004 board of directors

By a vote of 9 yes against 2 nay, It was unanimously decided that the people who were nominated will be elected for the new Board.

- Nabila Belhadj
- Mourad Benachenhou
- Abdelghani Bessaha
- Dalila Bessaha
- Amina Bouadis
- Kader Brahim
- Smail Farid
- Boualem Hammouda
- Meriem Hamlil
- Mourad Rezig

6. Election of Officers

The following individuals were nominated to serve in the offices indicated:

Abderahmi Bessaha (Andelghani)	President
Mourad Rezig	Vice President
Amina Bouadis	Secretary
Boualem Hammouda	Treasurer

After discussion and on motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously

RESOLVED that the slate of officers nominated be, and hereby are, elected to serve for a one-year term and until their respective successors are duly elected and assume office.

7. Other:

Storage room:

The previous BOD explained that the assets of the association are currently stored in different places and are passed from one house to another. The need to centralize the location of these assets is crucial to the proper management of the affairs of the association. The previous BOD recommended to the General Assembly to rent a storage as to guard against the lost of these assets and to keep everything that belonged to the association into one central location. After a brief discussion, it was decided that the new board will make a decision to sort the archives and to store whatever belongs to the Association.

Future activities

It was also decided that the new board will go with the Ramadhan Sahra and the Eid el Fitr events, and to use the rooms reserved by Abdel- Illah Stambouli at the Potomac community center, Maryland..

Suggestion: the new board to meet right away and take appropriate decisions.

The General Assembly Meeting was adjourned at 12:30 PM.