

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

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

**Date:** December 18, 2004  
**Time:** 10:15 AM  
**Location:** The B-CC Center, Bethesda, Maryland

**Board Directors:** Abdelrahmi Bessaha, President  
Amina Bouadis, Secretary  
Kader Brahimi, Director  
Nabila Belhadj, Director  
Dalila Bessaha, Director  
Meriem Hamlil, Director  
Mourad Benachenou, Director

The quorum of the members (at least 10% of the total number of members and at least 50% of the Board Directors) was established. Ten people total were present and four proxies were submitted. The meeting started at 10:15 AM and ended at 12:15 PM. Mr. Bessaha chaired the meeting, and Amina Bouadis, the Secretary, took the minutes.

**Agenda:**

1. Adoption of the Proposed Agenda
2. Recognition of Volunteers
3. Review of Annual Report
  - a. General comments
  - b. Membership status and Financial Report
4. Discharge/Reaffirmation of the 2003/04 Board of Directors
5. Election of Additional Board Directors to 2004/05 Board
6. Dalila Harir Fund
7. Upcoming Events

**1. Adoption of the Proposed Agenda**

The agenda was approved.

**2. Recognition of volunteers**

Nacer Megherbi and Dahman Benarbane were both recognized for the great effort and commitment they showed in serving the Algerian-American community.

Neither of them was present at the meeting, but plaques have been delivered to them.

### **3. Review of Annual Report**

#### ***3.1 General comments:***

- a. Naim Bentahar, a AAAGW member, stated that there had been a change in AAAGW bylaws about two years ago, which specifies that the board members are elected to serve a two-year term instead of one-year term. Therefore, the Board members who were elected in October 2003 may continue serving until the end of 2005. The Board agreed to consult with our lawyer on this issue.
- b. Reda proposed that AAAGW organize more events that are more educational rather than just holiday get-togethers in order to keep our community informed. He also proposed that we should have a specific month for a membership drive. This issue will be discussed by the Board in early January 2005.
- c. The members agreed that we should start concentrating and working on “How to boost the image of the association”.

#### ***3.2 Membership status and Financial Report***

- a. There were 77 member families at the end of November 2004.
- b. Kader discussed the Nouara fund, an Algerian woman, who needed financial support for legal representation in a custody case. As of November 2004, AAAGW had collected \$1,030 for the Nouara fund. Additional funds have been collected since then and will be submitted to the beneficiary. Kader also stated that the money collected for the Nouara fund was included in the general AAAGW funds.
- c. For tax purposes, it was decided that any future funds that are opened to benefit members of the community will be kept separate from the general funds of the Association.

### **4. Discharge/Reaffirmation of 2003/04 Board of Directors**

#### **Resignations:**

The following Board members resigned from the 2003/04 Board.

Mourad Rezig, former VP  
Boualem Hammouda, former Treasurer  
Mourad Benachenou, former Director

AAAGW would like to thank all three for their service to the community.

Although Mr. Hammouda was not present with us, he was thanked and highly recognized for having done a great job on the financial report/analysis and organization.

It was also decided that future treasurers should limit their duties to financial matters only. They should not be burdened with any other responsibilities unless absolutely necessary.

**5. Election of the new 2004-2005 Board of Directors**

New Board members and officers were elected for 2004/05 as follows:

**Reda Rayasse was elected Vice President for 2005/06**

**Kader Brahimi was elected Treasurer until end of 2005**

**Nadira Boumechal was elected as Director for 2005/06**

**6. Dalila Harir Fund**

AAAGW will be collecting funds to help the Harir Family with the funeral expenses for their daughter who died tragically in December 2004

Members are asked to send their contributions to:

ALGERIAN-AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF GREATER WASHINGTON  
P.O. Box 65063, Washington DC 20035-5063

As discussed in section 3, it was decided that a separate account will be opened to raise money for the Harir family.

The Annual Report and the financial report were both discussed and adopted.

**7. Upcoming events:**

**a. Movie showing**

At the request of Mr. Bessaha, Georgetown University has agreed to help sponsor a movie showing. Mr. Bessaha arranged for the director of an Algerian movie "Un Reve Algerien" to present the movie at GTU. The event is scheduled for Feb 17<sup>th</sup>, 2005. The possibility of inviting some of the actors is being discussed.

**b. Eid El-Adha**

The Event is scheduled for January 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2005.

**Organizers:**

Mailing: Meriem and Nabila

Room Reservation: Reda and Nadira

Catering: Amina and Cherifa

Further arrangements are being discussed

**The team has a budget of \$1000 for the event.**

The General Assembly meeting was adjourned at 12:15 PM.