

ALGERIAN AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF GREATER WASHINGTON

15th Ordinary General Assembly of Members Minutes

Date of the Meeting: April 26, 2009

Time of the meeting: 10 am-1 pm

Location: BCC Services Center
4805 Edgemoor lane,
Bethesda, Maryland 20814

In attendance: Board members 2008-2009

Bessaha, Abdelrani, President
Smail, Farid, Vice-President
Stambouli, Abdel-Allah, Treasurer
Bessaha, Dalila, Secretary
Boumaza, Karim, Director
Aissi, Youcef, Director

Other members

Bentahar, Naim
Belkhodja, Yacine
Megherbi, Nacer
Belblidia, Lotfi
Rouag, Djamel
Stambouli, Azzedine
Khelil, Cherifa
Khadraoui, Ali

Proxy: Benachenhou, Mourad

Agenda:

- I. Adoption of the agenda
- II. Review and Adoption of the Annual Report for 2008
- III. Review and Adoption of the Financial Report for 2008
- IV. Renewal of the Board of Directors for 2009-2010

I. INTRODUCTION

1. The meeting was opened at 10:45 am by the President. After it was ascertained that the quorum (9 members in good standing since **17.4** percent of the membership were in attendance) was met, the President declared the 15th Ordinary General Assembly of Members officially open for business. The assembly then adopted the official agenda of the meeting, as outlined above.

II. REVIEW AND ADOPTION OF THE ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2008

2. **In discussing the annual report for 2008, there were three issues:**

- The extent to which the Mounib case did not consume more of the time of the Board in light of the lengthy reporting of this case in the annual report.
- The progress made in achieving the goals set by the previous assembly in terms of membership and the difficulties encountered in working to meet that goal.
- The breakdown of the membership in good standing for 2008.

3. **The Assembly adopted the annual report without amendment.** However, it was suggested that the minutes of the meeting include any clarification that could be provided on the issues raised.

- On the first item, while the Mounib case was a new activity in the business of the Board, other activities still received the appropriate amount of time and effort. No activity was shortchanged.
- On the second item, membership reached 86 members, below the 100-mark set by the previous assembly. The previous Board tried various techniques to boost membership and reach the 100 goal, including setting membership tables at each event. As noted in page 7 of the annual report, more progress can be made in this area, including a more aggressive campaign and the designation of a full time Board member working on this issue.
- On the last item, the report notes that most of the membership covers families. The actual breakdown is as follows:

		In Good Standing	Late for renewal
	2008/2009	(2009)	(2008)
Total Members	86	45	41
of which :			
family	58	33	25
Individuals	27	9	18

4. It was also suggested that the new board conduct a new survey to capture the needs of the membership and how best to help the community.

III. REVIEW AND ADOPTION OF THE FINANCIAL REPORT

5. In discussing the financial report, members asked whether the Mounib account is a separate account or a sub-account of the AAAGW account. The Board explained that faced with the urgency of the situation back in the summer of 2008 and in the face of administrative constraints to open a new bank account, the funds for Mounib were and continue to be lodged in a sub-account of the AAAGW.

6. The assembly adopted the financial report without any amendment.

IV. ELECTION OF A NEW BOARD FOR 2009-2011.

7. The assembly adopted unanimously a motion to discharge the 2008-2009 Board and designated Mr. Bessaha to chair the assembly as it took up the last item.

8. The following members submitted their candidacy to become Board Directors for 2009-2011:

- Naim Bentahar
- Nacer Megherbi
- Yacine Belkhodja
- Abdel-Allah Stambouli
- Azzedine Stambouli

9. A motion was submitted to elect the 5 candidates on a collective basis. The motion was unanimously adopted. Naim Bentahar, Nacer Megherbi, Yacine Belkhodja, Stambouli Abdel-Allah, and Stambouli Azzedine were declared elected by the General Assembly to serve as directors of the new AAAGW Board for 2009-2011.

10. With all the items on the agenda covered, the chairman of the assembly declared the meeting officially closed at noon.

Dalila Bessaha

Secretary (Outgoing Board)