

**ALGERIAN – AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF
GREATER WASHINGTON P.O. BOX 65063**

The Fourteenth Annual Regular Meeting of the Members

Date: April 06, 2008
Time: 10:50 a.m.
Location: BCC Bethesda Maryland

In attendance:

- Abdelrahmi Bessaha (chairing the meeting)
- Kader Brahimi
- Mohamed Gahche
- Ahmed Malti
- Nabila Brahimi
- Lahouari Bounoua
- Youcef Aissi
- Naim Bentahar
- Abdel-illah Stambouli
- Ali Khadraoui
- Meriem Hamlil
- Karim Boumaza
- Lotfi Belblidia
- Abdenmour Azeddine
- Ismail Farid

Excused:

Dalila Bessaha

Agenda

- 2007 Annual Report
- Outreach activities of the Association
- Financial Report for 2007
- Mounib Case
- Membership
- By-Laws
- Partial renewal of the Board of Directors
- Miscellaneous

Opening of the meeting

Based on the attendance, the quorum for the 14th general assembly was met. The meeting was declared officially open by the chair.

2007 Annual Report

The report for 2007 was adopted and will be published on the website along with the 2006 annual report.

Mounib case

Mounib Farchichi is a 2-years old kid from Algeria who has a congenital disease; his parents and friends of the family have asked for outside help to provide adequate care to the kid. AAAGW has launched a campaign to collect funds and identify a medical facility that could care for the kid. The general Assembly has decided to create a small committee called the "Mounib Committee" and step up efforts to help raise funds and coordinate closely with the people leading this effort worldwide and others who want to help. The group is chaired by Smail Farid, Vice President of AAAGW and comprises Kader Brahim, Ahmed Mati, Nabila Zerarka, and Azzedine Stambouli. This committee will work under the Board supervision.

Future of AAAGW and outreach activities of AAAGW:

It was the view of the General Assembly that AAAGW needs to strengthen its outreach to improve membership and become a much stronger institution at the service of the Algerian-American community. A debate was opened and ideas were offered, including

- Reaching out to families through educational programs to learn Arabic or Algerian history/culture; Ali Khadraoui has volunteered to coordinate.
- Charging for events, especially for non members;
- Raising the membership fees;
- Offering items with the logo of AAAGW;
- Get the youth involved;
- Organize qualitative events:
- Increase the membership;
- Improve the website:
- Create other means of communications with the members, and be present for the community when it needs us.
- AAAGW belongs and is open to all those who want to strengthen our community in the region.

The new Board will explore these ideas and translates them into a new work program.

Financial report

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The financial report was reviewed and adopted by the General Assembly and some minor clarifications were proposed, notably on the Abtroun Fund (a footnote was suggested by Kader Brahimi to clarify the flows of funds over the 2007 and 2008 exercises).

The participants also discussed ways to improve the finances of AAAGW, including through:

- The mobilization of grants, Ali Khadraoui has volunteered to contact American Companies who work in Algeria for the sponsorship.
- The rise in membership fees by \$5, starting in 2009 (Naim Bentahar).

Membership

As part of a program to strengthen AAAGW, the increase in membership was critical. To that effect, the general assembly created a membership committee chaired by Youcef Aissi who will be in charge of defining a new comprehensive policy on membership (structure, levels, incentives for membership, etc...).

Partial renewal of the Board

The general Assembly elected the following members to the Board:

- *Stambouli Abel-Illah as Treasurer; and*
- *Lahouari Bounoua, as Director.*

The new Board for 2008-09 is:

President:	<i>Bessaha, Abdelghani</i>
Vice President:	<i>Farid, Smail</i>
Secretary:	<i>Bessaha, Dalila</i>
Treasurer:	<i>Stambouli, Abdel-Illah</i>
Director:	<i>Aissi, Youcef</i>
Director:	<i>Boumaza, Karim</i>
Director:	<i>Bounoua, Lahouari</i>

By-laws

Over time, general assemblies have introduced changes to the by-laws. The revised by-laws will be posted on the web.

Conclusion of the General Assembly

The general assembly called upon every member or compatriot who wants to make a difference to the benefit of the Algerian/American community of Greater Washington to come join AAAGW, volunteer, and take the lead for a project that is socially and culturally beneficial for the community.

The meeting adjourned at 1:05 PM