

## Iranian Canadian Congress

### Policy Development Committee

Minute of the 1<sup>st</sup> meeting, July 26<sup>th</sup> 2014, North York Centre, Committee Room #1, 1-4 pm

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- **Attendees:**

Ali Goshtasbi, Ali Mohammadi, Arsalan Kahnemuyipour, Babak Esmaeilzadeh, Behrouz Amouzgar (Board Member and Chairperson), Hosein Amooshahi, Hossein Zereshkian, Maryam Nazemi, Mehdi Shams, Moosa Alikhani, Reza Ghazi (Board Member), Shahram Tabe-Mohammadi

- **Decisions:**

1. Workgroup meetings will not be video captured. However, meetings will be audio recorded to prepare the minutes. The recorded audio file will be forwarded to the Board along with the minute and the original file will be deleted afterwards.
2. Four workgroups were agreed upon including the volunteers in each group, as follows:
  - a. Bylaw Revision  
Ali Goshtasbi, Arsalan Kahnemuyipour, Babak Esmaeilzadeh, Hossein Zereshkian, Mehdi Shams, Moosa Alikhani, Shahram Tabe-Mohammadi
  - b. Immigration Reform  
Ali Goshtasbi, Mehdi Shams, Moosa Alikhani
  - c. Human Rights  
Ali Goshtasbi, Maryam Nazemi, Mehdi Shams, Moosa Alikhani
  - d. Community Involvement  
Ali Mohammadi, Hosein Amooshahi, Moosa Alikhani
3. Volunteers will meet every Tuesday starting from August 5<sup>th</sup> 2014 at the same place (North York Centre) at 7 pm to work in the specified workgroups.
4. Regarding the Bylaw Revision workgroup:
  - 4.1. An overview of the main changes made in the last proposed bylaw was given by Arsalan Kahnemuyipour to refresh everyone's mind.
  - 4.2. It was reemphasized that the new proposed bylaw must be ready and presented to the public a few weeks before the set deadline for the SGM (Special General Meeting, by Nov 11<sup>th</sup> 2014) to give every member of the Congress the opportunity to speak out their concerns and suggestions.
    - 4.2.1 Alongside the full version, a shortened copy of the new proposed bylaw highlighting the main points should also be made available to the members to make it easier for them to understand the changes.
    - 4.2.2 In addition, regular updates on the progress of the workgroups should be made available to inform and engage the community in the process.
  - 4.3. Using Electronic Surveys was also discussed as a means to recognizing and obtaining broader feedback about the issues that could be of the community interest.
  - 4.4. Interested attorneys and legal consultants in the community will be invited to participate in this workgroup to ensure that the new bylaw is fully consistent with all legal requirements.
  - 4.5. The Bylaw Revision workgroup will prepare an Elections Protocol after they are finished with revising the Bylaw, to ensure a fair and smooth process for future AGMs.