

The ICC Board of Directors Meeting

Date: January 3rd, 2024

Attendees: Mona Ghasemi, Asoudeh Novin, Mona Borghei, Daniel Bagheri Sarvestani, Reza Namdari, Amir H. Ghaseminejad

Agenda: Statement on 4th anniversary of flight 572, Statement on Kerman terrorist attack, Genocide in Palestine

The meeting was officially called in order at 4:22pm EST, 1.22pm PST after Mona Ghasemi welcomed the attendees.

Board decided to extend our deepest condolences to the families of the victims citing Prime Ministers statement on the downing of flight PS752 by IRGC missiles emphasizing how tensions in the region and any threat to innocent lives in Iran is also a threat to Canadian lives and requesting the government to play a positive role in the region in order to foster peace and stability, including pursuing a lasting ceasefire between Israel and Palestine.

Board members also discussed the federal government's response to our inquiry regarding Canada's position on the Kerman terrorist attack, which will be published to the public.

A draft letter to the Public Inquiry into Foreign Interference in Federal Electoral Processes and Democratic Institutions was discussed.

Mona Ghasemi's proposal to endorse the Hunger Strike for Gaza was approved. All participants were in favor except Daniel abstaining. Mona and Daniel are working on a podcast.

Reza Namdari reported that ICC is now present on TikTok, and we are going to upload past and existing videos to this platform.

Mr. Bahram Jalayer has asked about the number of members, it was decided that the current count of 238 to be reported in response to him.

Amirhassan Ghaseminejad reported that the final text of the ICC charter is being prepared by Policy committee. More reminders will be sent regarding the survey that was launched a few weeks ago, and the results will soon be reported to the board. It was discussed that another public survey be launched in the near future to get a rough sense of the opinions of Iranian Canadians.

Asoudeh Novin reported about the plans for a Nowruz event and ICC's various sessions on ClubHouse. She is in touch with groups acting on immigration issues and will have a number session to coordinate with other groups to increase the effectiveness of our efforts.

Reza Namdari discussed the planning for running the next Annual General Meeting within the legal timeline and its agenda. The PR committee is preparing a Nowrooz Calendar which will be distributed in exchange for donations.

Daniel Bagheri Sarvestani is planning for more podcasts and probably an article.

Mona Borghei reported on ICC Mental Health sessions. Long-term and Short-terms effects of immigration with Dr. Raheleh Tarani, Effects of media on suicide prevention with Dr. Saideh Khadir, Mental health in the era of social media with Dr. Kaji, and Building Cultural Bridges with an anthropological approach to health have been among the topics.

Board members discussed the reports regarding Iranian Canadians whose mandatory armed service is causing difficulties when traveling and possible actions in this regard if we are formally asked for help.

The meeting was adjourned at pm 5:08EST or 2:08PST.