The ICC Board of Directors Meeting

Date: May 19th, 2024
Attendees: Arezou Khadir, Mona Ghasemi, Asoudeh Novin, Mona Borghei, Raheleh Tarani, Mohammad Rad, Daniel Bagheri Sarvestani, Reza Namdari, Amir H. Ghaseminejad
Agenda: Election committee members, financial statements, Date of AGM, ICC charter, Article 15

The meeting was officially called in order at 8:30pm EST, 5:30pm PST after Arezou Khadir welcomed the attendees. Arezou wished a fast healing for Dr. Raheleh Tarani which was injured while at the University of Calgary with her son. She then asked Mona Ghasemi to lead the meeting.

The election committee members were discussed by board members. Reza brought to the floor the name of three candidates: Moslem Noori, Ahmad Ehsandar, Habib Ghaffari. The motion was seconded by Asoudeh Novin. The members were approved unanimously.

Mohammad Rad, the ICC treasurer, reported that the institute is not in a good financial state and emphasized the need for fundraising through members. He has invited a CPA professional to prepare the financial statements. Ms. Nahid Nasiri, the CPA who had prepared the statements, was invited and admitted to the board meeting to explain the financial statements. She explained the entries in the profit and loss report. Although the institute is in the positive side for the financial year, past years' debts carried over are still in the books, which makes the overall state of finances in a negative region. The statements as were presented to the floor were seconded by Asoudeh Novin and were approved unanimously.

The date of AGM which should be before July 9th was decided to be held on Saturday July 6th 2024. It was seconded by Amir H. Ghaseminejad. It was approved unanimously.

Amir H. Ghaseminejad brought to the floor the ICC charter which was developed in the Policy Department in many meetings during the past year. The goal of developing the charter was to clarify the ICC vision, mission, values, and approaches in a concise way that summarizes the article one of the current bylaws of the institution. The document that was developed with the leadership of Mr. Said Zahabioun in English and Persian explains the essence of bylaws in way that is consistent with the way most institutions present their vision, mission, values, and approaches.
The document can be a preamble to article 1 after approval in AGM and can be published as a short bilingual document. The board members spent more than an hour paying meticulous attention to the wording of the charter in Persian and English. Suggestions by board members were applied to the proposed Charter. Amir H. Ghaseminejad thanked all members of the board who had attended the meetings, especially Mr. Zahabioun , Mona Borghei, and Reza Namdari who had attended all the policy sessions. The proposed charter was seconded by Reza Namdari and was approved unanimously.

Amir H. Ghaseminejad brought to the floor the changes in Article 15 which were developed in the Policy Department in many meetings during the past year. The section 6th of Article 15 is changed such that the phrase “members in good standing” that is used in many places in by laws are clearly defined. By the proposed changes, the members in good standing and not in good standing are defined. The motion was seconded by Asoudeh Novin and was approved unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:04pm EST or 7:04pm PST.