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In the name of Allah, the most Gracious, the most Merciful

Manitoba Islamic Association

AGM Minutes – approval required

Record of Meeting			
Meeting Name:	MIA AGM for November 20, 2022		
Group:	MIA Members		
Organizer:	MIA Board of Directors	Facilitator:	—
Meeting Time:	5:00 pm	Location:	2445 Waverley and Zoom
Minutes Taker:	Idris Elbakri		
Time Started:	5:15 pm	Time Ended:	
Agenda			
	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Recitation of Quran2. Confirmation of Quorum3. Approval of the Agenda4. Appointment of the steering committee for the Election of the Election and Compliance Commission5. Approval of the minutes of the last meeting (November 21, 2021)6. Report of the Board of Directors7. Report of the Education Committee8. Report of the School Committee9. Report of MIA Wakf10. Financial Report11. Consideration of the Auditor's Report12. Proposed Annual Budget13. Membership fee proposal14. Business arising out of the minutes15. Resolutions16. Report of the Election and Compliance Commission17. Election of the Election and Compliance Commission (one position, 3-year term).		
Meeting outcomes and decisions			
	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Welcome and Introduction – Khawja Latif (MIA Board Chair). Meeting called to		

order at 5:15 pm.

- 2. Recitation of Quran** – Ammar Almiski
- 3. Confirmation of Quorum:** quorum was not required as AGM was scheduled on November 6, 2022 and failed to achieve quorum and was subsequently rescheduled.
- 4. Approval of the agenda**
 - 4.1. Motion to approve the agenda my Muaaz Jutt. Second by Aziz Mian.
- 5. Selection and Approval of the Steering Committee**
 - 5.1. Faraz Khan nominated Ghulam Memon. Seconded by Liaquat Ali.
 - 5.2. Aziz Mian nominated Reda Elgazzar. Seconded by Liaquat Ali.
 - 5.3. Both accepted the role on the steering committee.
- 6. Approval of Last year's AGM meeting minutes (November 19, 2021)**
 - 6.1. Moved by Faraz Khan and seconded by Reda Elgazzar that the minutes be approved. No objection. Carried.
- 7. Board Report – Presented by Board Chair, Khawja Latif**
 - 7.1. Khawja Latif presented the board report. See report for details.
 - 7.2. Humaira Jaleel inquired about Mawlid at the Winnipeg School Division. Idris Elbakri clarified that this was for Muslim staff who can take up to 3 days for religious holidays, so the mawlid will be recognized for the staff.
 - 7.3. Question about membership and why it's low. KL responded that we are working on ways to increase membership this coming year, including revising the membership fees and more outreach.
 - 7.4. Tasneem Vali moved to accept the board report. Seconded by Liaquat Ali. Carried.
- 8. MIA Education Committee Report by Mai Ahmed. See presentation for details.**
- 9. MIA School Committee report by Delvinder Kaur and Brahim Baba**
 - 9.1. School committee planning to submit a proposal for the department of education for a start date of a full-time school in Fall 2023.
 - 9.2. The plan is to start with grade one/two (one combined grade)
 - 9.3. Committee members include Aadila Omer (teacher), Cheikh Moulaye (Certified teacher) and Salman Idris (accountant). Acknowledged help from Ashraf Elbakri who assisted initially with the school budget.
 - 9.4. Question about location for the school: pioneer and Waverley mosques. Currently working on occupancy permit
 - 9.5. Question about the nature of the school. It will be a private independent funded school.
 - 9.6. Questions about budget and fees. There is a draft budget that is still under development. Also fees are still being considered, taking into account the location, expenses, etc. We expect to announce fees in February. In Canada Islamic school fees range from \$9k to \$15K. Fees will be lower than that. Also a subsidy is being considered.
 - 9.7. Questions about if members were surveyed about the need for a school. Response that there are wait lists in all the existing schools and many members approached MIA.
 - 9.8. Question about high school: committee considered starting at higher levels, but the cost is prohibitive, and the logistics are challenging.
- 10. MIA Wakf Report – Dr. Abdel-Ilah Soussi Ghounni**

- 10.1. Board includes Ali Khan, Reda Elgazzar, Youssef Bezzahou, Kathleem Mazur, Merdia Imame and Ruheen Aziz (as treasurer of MIA)
- 10.2. Dr. Soussi Ghounni explained the idea of the wakf, to build an investment fund the profit from which can be used to fund community work.
- 10.3. Appeal for community to invest in this fund.
- 10.4. Some community members asked questions which were responded to.
- 10.5. Dr. Soussi Ghounni explained that the legal setup of the wakf enables it to be charitable and to invest.

11. Audited Financial Report –Ruheen Aziz (MIA Treasurer and 2nd vice chair) presented the auditor’s report to the members. The report was circulated in advance. The financial audit is conducted by Scarrow & Donald. Refer to the presentation for details.

- 11.1. Auditors’ opinion found no discrepancies regarding the financial statements.
- 11.2. Funds are collected and distributed cross a variety of programs and events as well as core operations and facilities.
- 9.1 Financial report: Total Revenue \$2,095,657 against total expenses of \$1,698,493.
- 9.2 Audited Financial Statements:
 - 9.2.1 Reported Asset and Liabilities in the amount \$6,505,726 an increase from last year.
 - 9.2.2 Statement of operations presented, and statement of cash flow presented.
- 9.3 Details provided for Assistance Program, Education + Workshops, Events and Social Program, 406 Edmonton.
- 9.4 Nawaaz: Question about Iftaar funding: there is a special campaign for iftaars to cover their costs.
- 9.5 Ayah Al-Habrawi: Question about covering deficits: deficits are a reality and the way we can cover them is to increase revenue from donation and other sources, such as lunch sales, rentals, etc.
- 9.6 Ayah Al-Habrawi: Question about if there is an interest on the deficit: Deficit is not a negative balance in the bank. It just means that in the fiscal year we report on, there is a loss.
- 9.7 Ismael Mukhtar: question about the rental rate for the new tenants coming to MIA CX, whether it is increased and closer to market rate? Answer is that it is close, and we worked with a realtor to determine it.
- 9.8 Mian Hameed moved to approve the audited financial statements. Seconded by sr. Tasneem Vali. Carried.
- 9.9 Aziz Mian moved the appoint the auditors Scarrow and Donald for the 22/23 fiscal year. Seconded by Mian Hameed. Carried.

12. Proposed Budget for 2022/23

- 12.1. Ruheen Aziz presented the proposed budget for the 2022/23 fiscal year with target income in the amount of \$2,139,507 and expenses estimated to \$2,455,507, and a deficit is forecasted at \$136,000. A detailed break down was explained and presented.
- 12.2. Requested that more breakdowns given in the donation menu so that

people can donate to projects of interest such as the school.

12.3. Question about the school not reflected in the budget. Response is that the school will have its own budget and will stand as a separate entity. MIA will hold any funds donated to the school in trust until the school is operational.

12.4. Ismael Mukhtar comment: next year present budget along with actual expenses to see how we did compared to the budget.

12.5. Ruheen Aziz made a motion to approve the proposed budget for 2022/23. Seconded by Mian Hameed. No objections, all in favour. The budget is approved.

13. Membership Fee Proposal

13.1. Proposed to change associate membership fee from \$30 to \$0. No change is proposed for the full membership fee of \$30.

13.2. Aziz Mian proposed amendment that the free membership be for 3 years.

13.3. Humaira Jaleel proposed that membership be made free for all members (full and associate) for 1 year and then fee is introduced later.

13.4. Ismael Mukhtar asked if we are proposing to change bylaws. Idris Elbakri responded that the only change is the fee for associate members.

13.5. Hameed Mian proposed a lifetime membership. Idris Elbakri responded that it requires bylaw amendments.

13.6. Tariq Aziz moved that we adopt \$0 fee for the associate membership. Liaquat Ali seconded. No objections. Carried.

14. Business Arising from last year's meeting minutes:

14.1.1. No such business was noted.

15. Capital Project: Community Centre

15.1. Ruheen Aziz presented the project of a community centre with capacity for 1500 people on the land at 2445 Waverley.

15.2. Question about why this is a priority. Response is that there are restrictions on land development, and this is likely to meet city requirements. There was also a time-sensitive funding opportunity with up to \$5M coming from the province. Time was tight and we had to decide on whether to seek provincial grant funding.

15.3. Moved by Reda Elgazzar and seconded by Liaquat Ali. Carried.

16. Report of the Elections and Compliance Commission – Mohammed Madi. See report details in the presentation.

16.1.1. Mohammed Madi went over function of ECC and provided an ECC report, including the outcomes of the board of directors elections which were announced previously. The ECC received no complaints from members.

17. Election of Election and Compliance Commission: Election of one member, 3-year term –

17.1. Reda Elgazzar and Abdel Ilah Soussi Ghounni took over chairing the meeting. Ghulam Memon had already left.

17.2. Tariq Aziz: Nominated Ahmed Abdelghani. Liaquat Ali seconded the nomination. Ahmed Abdelghani accepted.

17.3. No other nominations were put forward.

17.4. Ahmed Abdelghani elected for a three-year term by acclamation.

	18. Mohammed Madi: Motion to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 7: 54 pm.

List of attending members:

Name	Member No.
Abdul Aziz	566
Abdullah Zubaer	1245
Abid Awan	957
Afshan Ahsan	1140
Ahmed Abdelghany	797
Ammar Almiski	1157
Ayah Al-Habrawi	1152
Azhar Mubeen	1132
Bayan Sunoqrot	676
Delvinder Kaur	1236
Farhan Liaquat	815
Fatimah Salami	1278
Hakim Ghulam	1321
Halimat Rasaq	1286
Hameed Mian	568
Humaira Jaleel	829
Idris Elbakri	675
Ilham Fares	881
Imran Rahman	828
Ismael Mukhtar	564
Khawja Latif	792
Liaquat Ali	587
Merdia Imame	773
Mohamed Mady	1068
Mohammed Iqbal Amin	1305
Muaaz Jutt	1059
Muhamad Faraz Khan	897
Muhammad Ahsanullah Paracha	1139
Muhammad Hammad Shakeel	1275
Muhammad Sadek Almiski	678
Muhammad Rasaq	1285

Noman Mohammed	1320
Reda Elgazzar	????
Ruheen Aziz	1149
Saba Seraj	895
Samir Hammad	769
Sara Arnous	1160
Sahar Elmahallawy	650
Siti Abdulle	1269
Syed Tariq Aziz	830
Tahir Iqbal	951
Tasneem Vali	923
Zeeshan Zamir	1235
Zubaida Musaddiq	652
Yunusa Salami	1277

A number of non-member guests also attended with the approval of the board of directors.