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### ICNM Nominating Committee

As stated in the By-Laws of the Islamic Center of New Mexico [ICNM], (Article III: Board of Directors, Section 3. Election and Tenure): “Nominations for the directors to be elected shall be made by a Nominating Committee composed of no less than three and no more than seven members. No more than two members of the Nominating Committee shall be members of the Board of Directors.” The nominating committee is appointed by the existing Board of Directors as dictated by Article IV: Committees of the ICNM By-Laws, Section 1. Designation of Committees: “The Board of Directors may appoint committees by passing resolutions stating the purpose, powers, membership and term of office of each committee.” Based on this charter the Board of Directors has appointed the following persons to be part of the 2002 Nominating Committee, for the purpose of nominating candidates from the ICNM community to partake in this years Board of Directors Election:

**Khaled Molai**, Age: 39, Profession: Self employed businessman in computer sales, Country of Origin: Pakistan. Contact Info: 822-5000 / email: molai@aquilagroup.com.

**Wazeer Hameed**, Age: 41, Profession: Accountant, Country of Origin: Sri Lanka, Contact Info: 410-4268 (cell), email: hameed131@hotmail.com.

**Hesham Al Shuli**, Age 39, Profession: Bio-Medical Engineering, Country of Origin: Palestine/Jordan, Contact Info: 232-9293 (evenings after 8:00 pm), 262-7041 (day).

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**Musa Kassem**, Profession: Businessman, Country of Origin: Palestine, Contact Info: 866-0832

As the General Secretary of the Board of Directors and the Editor of the Ummah's Voice, I have noted that there is and has been some misunderstanding concerning the present membership registration drive that is going on at the ICNM masjid. Apart from the functions that occur at the masjid, The Islamic Center of New Mexico is a non-profit corporation that is governed by the laws of the State of New Mexico under the New Mexico Non-Profit Corporation Act. Due to this fact since its inception in 1976 ??, The ICNM has adopted and has been governed by a Constitution and set of By-Laws that regulate and dictate how business is to be carried out at the ICNM. As indicated by Article I (entitled: Membership) of the ICNM By-Laws, membership registration is a requirement of the ICNM Corporation. In other words just attending the masjid and the Jumah prayer does not entitle one to the Rights and Privileges of the ICNM (such as voting privileges, being able to attend and or participate in Assembly Meetings, or be part of Committees, etc.). One must be a registered member of the ICNM to do so. As stated in Article I: Membership, Section 5. Dues and Assessments; a dues can be charged for membership to each member upon registration. In this case the Board has decided to charge a fee of \$5.00 per member, primarily to cover the administrative costs of the registration itself and of the upcoming election.

Therefore with the election coming up on January 25, 2002, it is imperative that those persons that have not currently registered do so, in order that they may partake in the upcoming elections. This includes both brothers and sisters, and members of the Albuquerque Islamic community that are 18 years or older. I personally ask that all member of our community actively participate in the upcoming election for the selection of the new leadership and Board of Directors that will be governing the ICNM in the year 2002. In the upcoming weeks we will be publishing specific information on the election process, the candidates nominated by the nominating committee, personal info on each candidate and position, and the goals that they wish to accomplish in the following year. In past elections it seems that many of us have voted in a vacuum not necessarily knowing the names or persons on the ballot or there views on community issues. InshaAllah the Ummah's Voice will attempt to fill that gap this year with information on the candidates, their names, pictures, brief personal history and views on community issues. I urge you all to actively participate in the registration and election process, with the intention of it being for the sake of Allah Subhana Wa'tala and the best benefit for our Islamic community. If anyone has any questions concerning the By-Laws or would like to obtain a copy of the By-Laws please contact either Abdul Rauf Campos-Marquetti or Ahmad Assed.

*In Remembrance of Allah Subhana Wa'tala and the Sunnah of the Prophet Muhammed, PBUH.*

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## Editors Corner

As Editor of the Ummah's Voice I would like to welcome all our brothers and sisters to this Special Weekly issue. The mission of the Ummah's Voice is to serve as a newsletter for the muslim community of the Islamic Center of New Mexico, and to present news, announcements and articles relevant to Islamic issues and education for the brothers, sisters and youth of our community. .

It is my wish that the majority of these articles come from the brothers and sisters in our community. We welcome the input of the community in the form of relevant articles that deal with Islam our Islamic lifestyle, the Qur'an, Hadith, the Prophet (BUH), Islamic historical figures, political issues, and especially issues that are relevant to our community's youth. We welcome differing Islamic perspectives, ideas and issues that exhibit the diversity found in our muslim community in Albuquerque, America and throughout the world. Salaam to all.

**Editor: Abdul Rauf Campos-Marquetti**

## Announcements

- Please register for the *Quran and Arabic Classes* that will begin starting on January 15, 2002. *Qur'an Classes* will be held every Monday and Wednesday after Isha. *Arabic Classes* will be held every Tuesdays and Thursday after Isha.
- Presently looking for two *Arabic teachers*, a brother to teach the Arabic class on the brother's side and a sister to teach Arabic on the sister's side. The ICNM will pay each teacher \$10.00 per hour. Will teach Tuesday and Thursday after the Isha prayer.
- The ICNM needs donations for the masjid of monies and or coffee, tea, sugar, cream. cups, napkins, plates and clean materials specifically for the weekend activities. Please make and bring donations to the masjid or give them directly to Imam Almaz, Sufiyan Awad, Houssam Issa or Abdul Rauf Campos-Marquetti.
- Looking for donations of Hijabs and Jilbabs for the Needy muslims and for visiting non-muslim who will come to the masjid. Please give all donations to Imam Almaz, Sufiyan Awad, Houssam Issa or Abdul Rauf Campos-Marquetti.
- Need community members to volunteers to sign up and or donate food for the following activities:
  - Saturday Snacks for the 4:00 pm activities
  - Sunday Dinners at 5:00 pm—Maghrib
  - Monday Iftar—Breaking of Fast at 5:00 pm—Maghrib

## Daily Schedule of Events at the Islamic Center of New Mexico Masjid

TIME	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY
6:15	Fajr prayer	Fajr prayer	Fajr prayer	Fajr prayer
6:30-7:30	Interpretation Lecture	Interpretation Lecture	Interpretation Lecture	Interpretation Lecture
8:00		Garage Sale /open "all day"		
10:00	Judo class			
12:30				
1:00	Zuhr Prayer	Zuhr Prayer	Zuhr Prayer	Zuhr Prayer
1:30	Sister's exercise inside	Sister's Lecture		
	Brother's Basketball outside			
3:30	Asr Prayer	Asr Prayer	Asr Prayer	Asr Prayer
4:00	Brothers Soccer	Open House		
	Snacks	families introduction		
	Sisters Table Tennis	Q/A Contests		
5:15	Maghrib Prayer	Maghrib Prayer	Maghrib Prayer	Maghrib Prayer
5:30	Brothers Table Tennis	Islamic News	IFTAR	
		Dinner	Breaking the Fast	
7:00	Isha Prayer	Isha Prayer	Isha Prayer	Isha Prayer
7:30	Memorization class	Figh and Ibadat Class	Figh and Ibadat Class	
			Quran Class	Arabic Class

## Special Events at the Islamic Center of New Mexico Masjid

- The ICNM masjid will have its second Live-Phone Lecture-Discussion this Friday on Jan. 11 after the Isha pray. The Live-Phone Lecture which will last for 1 hour will be given by Ahmed Saif Al-Deen, who is the Dean of the Islamic Science Institute. The title of the lecture will be: "Brotherhood in Islam". The lecture will be given in English.
- On Weds. Jan. 16<sup>th</sup> the Imam of Dar Hijra in Virginia, will be offering a lecture at the masjid after the Isha prayer. The Lecture will be preceded by a dinner starting at 6:00 pm, followed by the Isha prayer and then the presentation of the Lecture. The lecture will be presented in English.
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- The Sisters Lecture Series will be held this Sunday at 1:00 pm at the ICNM Masjid. The topic of this Sundays lecture is: "The Islamic Family in American Society: Part 3", to be given by Imam Ahmed Almaz.
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- Everyone is welcome to sell at, buy and attend the ICNM Garage Sale, that will be held every Sunday morning starting at 8:00 am. It should be noted that 20% of proceeds from all sales will be donated to the masjid.
- Judo Martial Arts Class every Saturday starting at 10:00 am, instructor Abdul Rauf Campos-Marquetti. The class is free, sign up at the masjid or talk to instructor. Announcement to the students: The Judo Mats came in !!!!!
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- Please remember to register as a member of the Islamic Center of New Mexico. You can register at any time at the masjid. The Registration-Membership fee is \$5.00 per person over 18 years of age. This includes all brothers as well as sisters. The election for the next Board of Directors will be held on Jan 25th, so please register and directly participate in selecting next years leadership for the ICNM. A copy of the ICNM By-Laws and Constitution will be posted on the brothers and sisters bulletin board. Or call Abdul Rauf Campos-Marquetti (301-6052) or email him at ([raufislam@aol.com](mailto:raufislam@aol.com)) to receive a copy.

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6:30-7:30	Interpretation Lecture	Interpretation Lecture	Interpretation Lecture
8:00			
10:00			
12:30			Jumah Prayer
1:00	Zuhr Prayer	Zuhr Prayer	Zakat and Will
1:30			calculation by the Imam every last Friday of Each Month
3:30	Asr Prayer	Asr Prayer	Asr Prayer
4:00			
5:15	Maghrib Prayer	Maghrib Prayer	Maghrib Prayer
5:30			
7:00	Isha Prayer	Isha Prayer	Isha Prayer
7:30	Figh and Ibadat Class Quran Class	Arabic Class	Figh and Ibadat Class live lecture by phone

## Prayer Times

**January 1, 2002**

Fajr: 5:56 am

Sunrise: 7:12 am

Zohr: 12:06 pm

Asr: 2:42 pm

Maghrib: 5:00 pm

Isha: 6:16 pm

**Friday Jumah Pray**

Time: 12:30 pm



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## **The 2002 ICNM**

### **Board of Directors Election**

On January 25th the Board of Directors Election will be held for the selection of the following positions for the Islamic Center of New Mexico:

- *President*
- *Vice-President*
- *General Secretary*
- *Treasurer*
- *Director of Social Affairs and Public Relations*
- *Director of Maintenance*
- *Director of Education and Dawah*
- *Sisters Liaison to the Board / President of the Women's Committee*



The *Sisters Liaison to the Board / President of the Women's Committee* is a new position that has been delegated by the present Board of Directors for the sisters. The elected sister will serve as the liaison between the Board of Directors and the sisters of our community, as well as serving as the President of the Women's Committee. Her responsibilities will center on communicating the concerns-issues and needs of the sisters to the Board, as well as spearheading religious, educational, sports, social and fund raising activities for the sisters and female youth through the women's committee.

The selection process for candidates that will fill these positions is presently being conducted by the *Nominating Committee*. The committee has been instructed by the board to select a minimum of three candidates for each of the above positions. The Nominating Committee has been charge to seek and select qualifying candidates through their own selection, by accepting nominations from the community at large, and by seeking nominations by querying the community at-large. The selected candidates will then be submitted to the Board by the Nominating Committee, and announced to the community at-large on Friday Jan 18th at the Jumah prayer. The Board of Directors as well as the Ummah's Voice will attempt at that time to submit information to the community about each candidate; so that voting on Jan 25th does not occur in a vacuum and members of the community have some specific identifiable information about each candidate.

The election will be governed by the rules and regulations of the *ICNM By-Laws*. Therefore each person that is going to vote in the election must be a registered member of the ICNM. Registration is presently on-going and will continue until the day of the election. Please make sure that all brothers, sisters and youth that are 18 years of age and older register and vote on Jan 25th. Each registered member will be issued a single ballot with their name on it at the time of the election. Members must show their registration cards in order to receive a ballot. This registration card will be compared to the corresponding ICNM copy, at which point the member will be issued a ballot. Once the member has voted each ballot will be deposited in a secure box, for later counting and compilation of ballots for each position. The actual election and voting will occur on Jan 25th starting after the Jumah prayer and ending one hour after the Isha prayer that Friday night. Any members of the community that cannot attend the Friday election for reasons of work or travel, please see Brother Abdul Rauf Campos-Marquetti or Sufiyan Awad, or any other member of the Board to make special arrangements for receiving a ballot prior to the Friday election. No ballots will be issued or accepted after the closing of the election polls (one hour after the Isha prayer on Friday Jan. 25th).

The results of the election will be tabulated that weekend, with candidates being notified of the election results by Monday Jan. 28th and the results being announced, posted (at the masjid) and published in the Ummah's Voice at the Jumah prayer on Friday Feb. 1, 2002. On Friday Feb. 1, 2002 members of the 2001 Board of Directors will step down and relegate their responsibilities and positions to the newly elected Board of Directors. May Allah Subhana Wa'tala guide us during this election process and help us elect board members who will work in conjunction with Imam Ahmed Almaz to better our community. The Ummah's Voice strongly urges all members of the ICNM community to actively register and vote in the upcoming board election. We urge all brothers, sisters, youth 18 years and older to participate and actively play a role in shaping the growth and direction that our community takes in the year of 2002.