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ICNM Nominating Committee



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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.

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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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