



**Islamic Center  
Of  
New Mexico**



## **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.