

ICA June Meeting minutes (06/06/2024)

Present:

Board Members: Peyman Majidi, Mina Mokhtari, Fariba Azad,, Naazee Shafiee, Mohammad Shokouh Amiri, Ebrahim Paydar.

Absent:

Board Members: Mehrzad Elmi, Farid Amir Mokhtar, Behzad Namazi

Guests: -

Meeting started at 8:00 PM

The following subjects were discussed at the meeting:

1. May Meeting Minutes approved as distributed. Meeting minutes are being uploaded to the website so it is encouraged that board members actively review these.
2. Ideas about membership were tossed around and the outcomes were as follows:
 - The philosophy behind the membership fee is providing the chance for the community to support the ICA. This is an opportunity for those who want to support the ICA but do not have time or do not know any channel to show their bonding with ICA.
 - There would be some privilege for members in the form of discounts on events tickets. (The percentages are shown in the following table)
 - The members should not consider the membership fee as a trade off for the same amount of services. ICA is seeking for those who have a feeling of bonding with the ICA and its mission.
 - ICA already had a membership fee and this is not something new for the community. However, to restart it and about the amount of the fee, board members came to an agreement on a trial period.
 - Mr. Mohammad Shokuh Amiri is supposed to prepare a letter in which the whole idea behind the membership fee and its usages would be explained. This letter would be available to the Iranian community through the ICA's website. Hopefully this program will be implemented from September.



<u>ICA membership schedule</u>	Amount (Annual)
1. Individual membership	\$30
2. Family without children	\$55
3. Family with children*	\$75
*Limited to Guardian and any number of kids (5-18 years old) All membership tiers receive a 10% discount on all ICA events.	

3. Sjjad's Fundraising suggestion: ICA did not receive a clear answer from him on the questions about the procedure of collecting and using the funds. The ICA's reply would be: "ICA would not get involved in any fundraising activity, but an announcement of help message can be publicized to the Iranian community if needed."

4. Email from SWACO: They provide educational programs to help reduce the amount of waste sent to the landfill. Since this is an educational cultural program, ICA will forward their message to our community.. Based on the number of replies, ICA will decide to get more involved or refer them directly to SWACO. Mr. Mohammad Shokuh Amiri is supposed to prepare a Farsi draft of the message for our website.

5. Registering the ICA as a non profit organization in Amazon website to use tax deductibles: ICA does not have the prerequisites such as a business cell phone line. Comparing the tax saving we are looking for with the Amazon registration fee and considering the fact that ICA does not do big shoppings from Amazon, the saving would not be meaningful. So this item is rejected.

6. Summer picnic: 28 th July high bank park, from 10:00 a.m.. Mr. Paydar and Ms. Fariba agreed to cooperate on going early in the morning to reserve the shelters.

7. Dance by Ms. Sheri Maria: ICA came to the agreement that she presents her first performance in Mehregan. She is supposed to do Persian dance. If her dance was acceptable we can ask her to have a performance in Yalda too.

Meeting adjourned at 9:30

