

IRANIAN HERITAGE SOCIETY OF EDMONTON

Annual General Meeting

September 26th, 2021

Due to new Provincial regulation related to the COVID-19 outbreak, the Annual General Meeting (AGM) was held through a zoom meeting. The AGM was announced in September 4th for the first time and the Iranian community was invited for membership by e-transferring the annual membership fee to treasurer@ihse.ca.

The AGM meeting in zoom started at 2:13 pm on Sunday September 26th, 2021 with 21 participants (members). The IHSE president – Mrs. Anahid Shahmoradi - welcomed the participants, informed them about recording the zoom meeting, and reviewed the zoom meeting regulations.

Mr. Soroush Samavat shared a link with the participants to have access to the meeting agenda and a copy of the financial report.

Mrs. Shahmoradi started with reviewing the meeting agenda and asking for motion. The agenda was approved without opposing. Adopting the minutes for last AGM completed at the next step without opposing.

Mrs. Shahmoradi presented a power point to review the board of directors' activities in 2020/2021 and answered the participants' questions.

Mr. Hamid Samavat provided a brief of financial activities, expenses and incomes in 2020/2021. He then shared the auditor's financial report in zoom and went through the different sections of the report step by step and answered questions. The financial report was approved by the participants through a zoom polling.

After the president and treasurer report and financial report approval, the 2020/2021 board of directors finished its work formally.

The participants had no objection to let Mr. Mohammad Niksirat to coordinate the rest of the meeting including the elections.

Election for the New President and board of directors:

Mr. Niksirat asked for any volunteer to nominate for the president position. After a long conversation, some participants nominated Mr. Soroush Samavat for the president position. The zoom polling showed 100% of participants supported Mr. Soroush Samavat for this position.

The next election was for choosing directors for periods of one-year (three vacant positions) and two-year (two vacant positions). Mr. Peyman Pakseresht has a position in the board of directors as a two-year director selected in last AGM. After a long conversation, Mr. Rastin Hosseini and Mrs. Mahla Takhti were nominated for two-year director positions and Mrs. Katayoon (Katy) Pezeshki and Mr. Abtin

Ghafari were nominated for one-year director positions. Polling showed all nominees supported by majority of the participants.

At the end of election session, Mr. Hamid Samavat expressed his interest to continue working on the IHSE charity application and to do follow up with the IHSE lawyer in this regard.

The Advisory Council Election:

Mr. Niksirat had an introduction on the background idea of developing an advisory council and how the council may help the IHSE Board of Directors and ultimately the Iranian community. Participants had a conversation regarding the validity of running the advisory council election before final government approval of the new IHSE bylaw (reviewed and approved by the IHSE members in May 9th, 2021). The current active bylaw – at the time of today AGM- does not include a topic for the advisory council. Ultimately, a polling showed that majority of participants voted for postponing the advisory council election to after receiving the new bylaw approval from the Government of Alberta.

Congratulations to the new members of the IHSE Board of Directors: Mr. Soroush samavat, Mrs. Katy Pezeshki, Mrs. Mahla Takhti, Mr. Abtin Ghafari, and Mr. Rastin Hosseini.

The meeting closed at 5 pm, September 26, 2021.