

Darul Arqum Islamic Center

Minutes Special Meeting of the General Assembly called to Amend the Bylaws

October 2, 2010

Voting Members present: Hansaa Abbasi, Rufaida Abbasi, Haifa Akili, Waddah Akili, Mohamad Al-Saqer, Hasham Almasneid, Syed Azam, Saleem Baig, Hajar Belhassan, Khalid Boushaba, Ibrahim Adnan El-Hedok, Lynn Lundy Evans, Bashar Gharaibeh, Ijaz Hussain, Mostafa A. Ibrahim, Umair Ilyas, Ahmed Kamal, Jumana Mansouri, Salman Maqsood, Nimer Mehyar, Ammar Melaibari, Sumaya Mustafa, Nermin Sabry, Ghada Salih, Beth Sermet, Samil Sermet, Matheena Syed, Salahuddin Syed, Ihsan Zaatari (Total of 29)

Voting Members absent: Hammad Abbasi, Jani Abbasi, Asia Azam, Rana Baig, Tauqir Bibi, Imran Dotani, Noveen Dotani, Ali Husain, Sakina Husain, Mahmud Khan, Suraya Khanum, Madiha Maqsood, Kaukab Merchant, Shabaz Merchant, Amber Mian, Qayyum Asiya, Fahim Rahmani, Sadia Rahmani, Husam Suhwall, Syed Noor Tirmizi, Georgette Ward, Ali Yakubu, Samina Yasmin. (Total of 23)

Non-voting Members present: None recorded.

- 1. Call to Order or Adjournment of the General Assembly** – Executive Board Chair: Br. Ahmed Kamal called the meeting to order at 5:15 p.m. The members were instructed not to leave the room during the meeting in order to maintain quorum levels so the meeting could continue.
- 2. Opening Prayer** – Br. Ahmed Kamal gave a short prayer in praise of Allah to begin the meeting.
- 3. Motion adjust membership:** A motion was made that all members confirmed to be out of town or country be removed from the membership list (Beth Sermet/ Nimer Mehyar). Unanimous. The members who were removed were: Hammad Abbasi, Jani Abbasi, Asia Azzam, Rana Baig, Tauqir Bibi, Imran Dotani, Noveen Dotani, Mahmud Khan, Suraya Khanum, Kaukab Merchant, Shabaz Ahmed Merchant, Azher Ul-Haq (12 total). The membership was reduced to forty.
- 4. Presentation of Proposed Amendments:** Br. Ahmed Kamal gave the floor to Br. Samil Sermet who presided over the proposed amendments approval process. The members were instructed not to leave the room during the meeting in order to maintain quorum levels so the meeting could continue. The DAIC Bylaws states: "For meetings of the General Assembly, called for amending the bylaws, presence of two-thirds (2/3rd) of the membership shall constitute a quorum (6.5.b)." Members present : $40 \times .6667 = 26.64 \dots$ 27 members. An affirmative vote of three-fourths (3/4th) of the members present shall be necessary for the adoption of each amendment. (14.1.b) Adoption threshold: $29 \times .75 = 22$ affirmative votes. In order to save time, the members agreed to use "show of hands" unless the vote was close to the threshold. Abstentions were not allowed. Each member received a "Summary of Proposed Amendments" and separate ballots for each amendment. See attachments for these documents. Br. Samil gave the "Reason for the Change" for each amendment. Questions about the amendments were answered. Comments for and against adoption were given in turn. The results for each proposed amendment, in the order consideration, were as follows:

No. 1 – Reduces Quorum for General Assembly: 27 affirmative. Adopted.

No. 2 – Reduces Quorum for Amendments: 25 affirmative. Adopted.

No. 5 – Decrease Age Requirement for the Board : 16 affirmative. Not adopted.

No. 11 – Increases Member’s Signatures for Amendments: 24 affirmative. Adopted.

No. 3 – Broadens Voting Members Rights : 25 affirmative. Adopted.

No. 4 – Changes Ballot Requirement: 21 affirmative. Not adopted.

No. 6 – Limits Board Eligibility - Voting & Attendance: 16 affirmative. Not adopted.

No. 7 – Limits Board Eligibility – Service Requirement: 23 affirmative. Adopted.

NOTE: Threshold required to adopt dropped to 21 for the rest of the amendments.

No. 8 – Vacancies of the Board: 26 affirmative. Adopted.

No. 9 – Provides for Transition if Board Recalled: 25 affirmative. Adopted.

No. 10 – Grants the Board Supervision over Committees: 22 affirmative. Adopted.

11. Closing Prayer: Br. Ahmed Kamal read a verse from the Qur’an to close the meeting.

12. Motion to Adjourn: The meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Beth Sermet

2010-11 Executive Board Secretary