

MINUTES OF MEETING

Saturday, January 21, 1989 - 8:30 pm

Present (Alumni/Students): A. Abdulla, M. Asani, A. Assar, N. Babul, A. Daya, N. Haji, K. Ismail, A. Juma, N. Kara, A. Ladak, M. Mahdavi, S. Mawji, K. Mirshahi, S. Shariff

Regrets (Alumni/Students): A. Ali, A. Bhimani, A. Gulamani, N. Hussein, K. Jamal, A. Karim, S. Karmali-Rawji, M. Merali, S. Rahim, K. Rajan, A. Rawji, F. Sarani, N. Simmons, R. Visanji-Kassam

MINUTES OF LAST MEETING (SEPTEMBER 10, 1988)

The minutes of the last meeting were approved as written.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE LAST MEETING

Alumni Directory

K. Ismail distributed a draft copy of the directory. Alumni reviewed the content and format, and recommended some modifications.

ACTION: K. Ismail

Information on Canadian Universities

On behalf of the Executive, K. Ismail reported on recent correspondence on this subject with C. Hieronymi.

Alumni agreed to participate in a mini-survey in order to provide "soft" information for the use of AKF(G) and students.

ACTION: Executive (obtain information from members not at meeting and convey information to AKF(G)).

Assistance with set-up of libraries

K. Ismail reported that A. Gulamani was visiting Tanzania, and would assess first-hand the needs and what role the alumni could play.

Alumni suggested an adopt-a-magazine program for school libraries.

AGREED that this item be deferred to the next meeting.

ACTION: A. Gulamani

Twining of schools

K. Ismail reviewed the possible benefits of this program. It was suggested that school boards, particularly where there are a large number of Ismailis enroled, might be very interested in such a program.

ACTION: A. Juma

Women's education

S. Mawji raised the possibility of an international friendship network to give young women/girls an opportunity to learn about life in a different part of the world. The possibility of such an initiative piggy-backing on the Ismaili Pen Pal Club (Al-Qalam) was raised.

AGREED that the idea be investigated further.

ACTION: *S. Mawji*

Financial Support

N. Babul reported on research he had undertaken regarding charitable status for the alumni association, and the high benefits/low costs associated with sponsoring students for studies in their own country. A. Abdulla then raised the possibility of the alumni association sponsoring one student to study in Canada (in addition to all the other scholarships awarded by AKF (G).

This idea was strongly endorsed by the alumni present, and the Executive were charged with reviewing its feasibility and mechanics with AKF (G) and (C).

ACTION: *Executive*

NEW BUSINESS

The issue of broader involvement by more of the alumni was discussed. K. Ismail pointed out that through the alumni database, there were some common areas of interest and expertise among the alumni.

AGREED that such groups should be self-run, with very limited involvement of the Executive, and that the first such group should focus on the area of computer technology.

ACTION: *M. Asani and A. Juma*

Participation in AKF-ISP Scholarship interviews with the Education Board

K. Ismail reported that the Education Board was very keen to see the alumni involved in the scholarship process.

AGREED that the Education Board contact alumnus directly regarding participation on the interview panels.

ACTION: *ALL ALUMNI*

Response / timeliness to requests for information/RSVPs

While most alumni generally responded very promptly to requests for information/RSVPs, the slow/non-response of some alumni was virtually doubling the work of the Executive. K. Ismail therefore requested the alumni's continued cooperation in responding to information requests by deadline dates, in order to eliminate very time-consuming follow up.

OTHER BUSINESS

The alumni expressed its appreciation to members of the Executive for their coordinating efforts.

There was some discussion regarding other roles for the alumni association such as facilitating manpower exchange with developing countries, other fund-raising, etc. It was generally felt that we