

**Meeting Minutes
September 10, 2006
4221 N. Larkin St.
Shorewood, WI**

Attendees: Aziz Aleiow, Nader Jaber, Emad Abu Tabanjeh, Eyad Ghani, Youri Abou-Smara, Rafat Jamaledin

1. Call meeting to order
 - Aziz Aleiow called the meeting to order at 1:30 PM.
2. Review agenda
 - Agenda was approved.
3. Review previous meeting minutes
 - Minutes were not reviewed.
4. Treasurer Report
 - Nader received \$500 contribution from Chicago branch and deposited in the bank account.
 - Emad signed the documents that permit Nader to access the bank account.
 - Youri's application and \$30 membership fee are held by Aziz.
 - Nader stated that there is about \$1200 in the bank account.
 - Nader received the receipts for the picnic expenses (except from Mahmoud Malas. Nader will provide the committee members with an updated treasurer report once all the expenses have been determined.
 - Nader discussed the need to identify sources of revenue. Members were asked to try to come up with ideas to be presented at the next meeting.
5. Membership activities and database.
 - Nader stated that about 10 new members joined WAAEA.
 - Eyad G. will forward to Fadi three membership applications received from Nader. Fadi will update the membership list.

- Nader will send e-mail to all members requesting permission to list their names, profession, and contact information on the web site.
- Eyad will enter the monthly meeting dates on the web site under "Calendar of Events". Nader provided Eyad G. with "administrator" access to the web site.
- Youri will send an e-mail to all members requesting information about member's technical interests. This information will be used to plan future technical activities such as seminars, classes, technical presentations, etc. Fadi will provide Youri with the updated membership list.

6. Website

- Nader will investigate and purchase web-hosting plan that meets the needs of WAAEA.

7. Picnic (August 19, 2006 at Lake Park)

- All committee members who attended the picnic agreed that the picnic was a success with the following comments:
 - ✓ Food quality and quantity met the need.
 - ✓ There was a lack of parking.
 - ✓ Reservation of the facility must be done much sooner
 - ✓ Need to check other cultural/religious events to avoid conflicts
 - ✓ Some sort of rain shelter should be provided.
 - ✓ Some people were concerned that there weren't any "Halal" hot dogs or hamburgers.
- Emad will investigate reserving Mitchell Park in Brookfield for the next picnic.

8. Elections

- The Election section of the by laws will be amended to temporarily waive the requirements under Article IX, Sections A & B, which requires that any candidate or nominee for any office must have been a member in good standing for at least one year, and that a nominee for the Office of President or Vice President shall also have served this Organization for an aggregate of at least two years in the capacity of an Officer or a Committee Chairperson. Emad will submit a draft of the amendment for the Committee's review by Wednesday September 13, 2006.

- The Committee will need to solicit nominees for Officers and Chairpersons.

9. Other Issues

- None
- All meetings to be held at 3:30 PM at UWM –Union and are scheduled on the following Sundays:
 - June 25, 2006
 - July 30, 2006
 - August 27, 2006
 - September 24, 2006
 - October 29, 2006
 - November 26, 2006
 - December 17, 2006

10. Adjourn: Meeting adjourned at 3:30 PM.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Eyad Ghani, Secretary