

GENERAL ASSEMBLY MEETING MINUTES

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OCTAA held its first General Assembly Meeting on September 12, 2004 from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. at the Heritage Library in Irvine. This event marks the launch of the new regional chapter of ATASC.

Sevda Aleckson chaired the meeting and was also the secretary of the meeting who prepared the meeting minutes below.

OPEN BOD MEETING

Members present: Sevda Aleckson, Michelle Deniz Drouse, Nefise Ahunbay Cleary, Mehmet Ali Tan, Fevzi Yalin, Omer Komili, Nilufer Komili, John Gulsen, John Billimek, Turan Kahraman, Sezen Tumer, Aydin Aksoy, Fatos Demir, Irfan Bilgin, Kagan Gursoy, Ihsan C. Balat, Gunes Ecer, Erkan Demiragci, Dennis Aytakin, Deniz Tokatli, and Burcu Kayiran,

Also present: Funda Oguz and President Cihangir (John) Safyurtlu from ATASC and Birsen Demiragci, Mrs. Demiragci, Canten Dalgir, and Charmine Aksoy as guests.

- Sevda Aleckson opened the meeting with introductory and welcoming remarks and introduced the Steering Committee Members. ATASC President Cihangir (John) Safyurtlu presented his views on the birth of OCTAA as a chapter of ATASC.
- John Gulsen asked John Safyurtlu how many chapters ATASC currently has. John Safyurtlu explained that ATASC includes San Diego, TALL, and the school in addition to the two newly formed chapters: Orange County and Los Angeles County.
- Sevda Aleckson asked if anyone had any updates to the proposed meeting agenda. There were no changes identified by the members.

BOD ELECTION PROCESS

- John Safyurtlu continued on to the election process. He asked if anyone was interested in serving on the Election Committee and made a motion to form the committee. Sezen Tumer and Michelle Drouse seconded the motion. The Election Committee passed.
- The Assembly elected a three-person Election Committee made up of: Mehmet Ali Tan, John Billimek, and Fevzi Yalin. The committee designated Mehmet Ali Tan as the Chairman of the Committee. John Safyurtlu turned the meeting over to Mehmet Ali Tan who administered the rest of the election procedure.

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- Election Chairman explained the election rules and procedure. Fevzi Yalin asked what the procedure would be if all five candidates receive the same number of votes. Chairman explained that there are various ways to handle this situation, one of which includes tossing of the coin.
- Michelle Drou  asked if there would be any alternates assigned for the Board positions. Chairman indicated that top highest votes will determine the required BOD positions. The remaining three candidates will be asked to serve as the alternates for the BOD positions.
- Irfan Bilgin requested a further description of the responsibilities of the Board Members. Sevda Aleckson and Dennis Aytekin tried to provide more information about the duties and responsibilities of the Board Members.
- During the election process, 18 members in good standing were in attendance. There were 31 people eligible to vote including proxy votes which exceeded the quorum (20) required by the OCTAA Bylaws. There were 25 votes casted. The following individuals were nominated to serve on the Board of Directors prior to the meeting:
 - ✓ Nefise Ahunbay Cleary
 - ✓ Aydin Aksoy
 - ✓ Michelle Deniz Drou 
 - ✓ Nilufer Komili
- In addition, during the meeting, the following four new candidates were nominated from the group and accepted by the members:
 - ✓ John G l en
 - ✓ Irfan Bilgin
 - ✓ Turan Kahraman
 - ✓ Fato  Demir
- Michelle Drou  moved to close the nominations for the BOD positions. Mehmet Ali Tan seconded the motion.
- All eight candidates were asked to present their qualifications and their statements of interest.
- Omer Komili asked to identify the written proxy holders. Sevda Aleckson named the proxy holders who were typically the husbands and wives of the members who held family memberships who could not attend the meeting.
- Burcu Kayiran asked Turan Kahraman to further state his qualifications and interest to serve on the BOD.
- Mehmet Ali Tan announced the beginning of the election process. Voting by secret ballot began and the Election Committee counted ballots.

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- The Election Committee successfully administered the election process in a fair and open manner. At the end of the voting process, the Chairman announced the results of the voting process. General Assembly votes were distributed as follows:
 1. Nefise Ahunbay Cleary (24 votes) (2-year term)
 1. Michelle Deniz Drou   (24 votes) (2-year term)
 2. Aydın Aksoy (23 votes) (2-year term)
 3. John G  l  en (20 votes) (1-year term)
 4. Nilufer Komili (15 votes) (1-year term)
 5. Irfan Bilgin (12 votes) (alternate)
 6. Turan Kahraman (9 votes) (alternate)
 7. Fato   Demir (7 votes) (alternate)
- Based on the results of voting, top five candidates who received the highest votes were elected by the Assembly to serve on the Board of Directors who are: ***Nefise Ahunbay Cleary; Michelle Deniz Drou  , Aydın Aksoy, John G  l  en, and Nilufer Komili.***
- To stagger their terms, top three members will serve 2-year terms and the next two members will serve 1-year terms.
- In the event of potential vacancies during each Board members terms, the following candidates will be asked to serve as **alternates** for the vacant BOD seats:
 - ✓ Irfan Bilgin
 - ✓ Turan Kahraman
 - ✓ Fato   Demir

ADJOURNMENT

- Sevda Aleckson presented her closing remarks and the meeting adjourned at approximately 3:30 pm.
- Immediately following the General Assembly Meeting, the newly elected Board of Directors convened to have their first Board meeting for which the minutes are presented in a separate report.