

Serving is *our* Privilege – Asking for Service is *your* Right

Board Communique #1 (14 March 2018)



Alhamdulillah, the 2018-20 ISNA Canada Board was sworn on February 3rd, 2018, with the mandate of serving the ISNA Canada communities until December 2020. Thank you for giving us this

Amanah. Gratitude and *du‘ā* to all the prior board members for their selfless work and efforts over the last several years.

What can you expect from us?

“... O people, I have been appointed over you, though I am not the best among you. If I do well, then help me; and if I act wrongly, then correct me. Truthfulness is synonymous with fulfilling the trust, and lying is equivalent to treachery ...”

This was part of Abu Bakr As-Siddeeq’s (May Allah be pleased with him) first speech after he was chosen as a Caliph. We are nowhere close to Abu Bakr's piety or leadership, but we promise to do our best to be true to his speech. We ask Allah (SWT) to help us keep our intentions pure, and bless our efforts, and we count on you to be generous with your guidance, support, patience and *du‘ā*'s.



Our promise to you: If we can do it, we will with a committed timeline and by engaging our community. And if for any reasons, we have postponed or cancelled an idea/program/service, we will be open and transparent on how we reached that decision.

What are we working on?

Mashallah, there is no shortage of suggestions from all of you, and passion is overflowing. Your suggestions are not only about how to make your own Centre better, but also ISNA Canada as a whole. *In shaa Allah*, over time, we will be addressing many of those recommendations.

In our initial meetings we have decided to focus on a few critical areas, address them properly and then select the next set of priorities.

Over the next 90 days our key deliverables are:

1. Listening to You: We have initiated the strategic planning work and as part of this process we are launching an “ISNA Listens” campaign to capture your thoughts and aspirations.
2. Transfer of properties: As you may recall, CITF lost its charity status last year, so we are now working on ensuring that all ISNA properties are transferred properly to ISNA Canada, before the CRA deadline of March 31st of this year.
3. By-Laws: Last year, many of you identified some gaps in our current By-Laws and our plan is to address those concerns and develop a set of By-Laws that will support the growth of our national organization.
4. Debt: There is an outstanding debt to ICHC related to the construction of the Centre in Mississauga (ICC). *Alhamdulillah*, significant settlements on most of the issues have been achieved by the previous Board and we are now working to complete all outstanding items. Your *du`ā`*'s will be especially appreciated on this opportunity.

How can you help?

We are in our 7th week of our 3-year journey. We will stumble, mistakes will inadvertently happen ... but what we request from you is to have some patience and keep us on our toes by communicating with us.

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