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Dr. Syed Imtiaz Ahmad President



Born in Lucknow, India, and currently residing in the Greater Toronto Area (GTA). Received Bachelor's degree in Electrical Engineering from the Punjab University in Lahore, Pakistan, Master's and Ph.D. degrees in Electrical Engineering from the University of Ottawa in Canada.

Held professional positions as Head of Electrical Engineering Department Computer Division at the University of Engineering & Technology in Pakistan, Professor and Head of the Department of Computer Science at the University of Windsor in Canada, Dean of Engineering at the International Islamic University of Malaysia, and Head of the Department of Computer Information Systems at Eastern Michigan University, USA. Currently, Emeritus Professor at Eastern Michigan University, and Chair of Operations Management Committee

at the Jahangirabad Institute Technology, India.

Elected positions held have included Vice President and President of ISNA, Vice President and President of ISNA - Canada, President of Computer Science association of Canada, President of Association of Pakistani Scientists and Engineers, USA, President of Pakistan Canada Association, as well as President of the Windsor Islamic Association, and Chair of ISNA - Canada School Board.

Authored several books, published numerous professional papers, as well as articles on topics in Islam.

Dr. Mohamed Bekkari Vice President



Married with three young adult children and currently living in Ottawa, Dr. Mohamed Bekkari has lived in Toronto, Edmonton and New Liskeard. He was involved with university chapters, mosques, Islamic centres, and Islamic schools in different capacities.

He is also fluent in Arabic, English, and French.

Dr. Bekkari is a clinical and school psychologist registered in Ontario with more than 30 years' experience and is currently in private practice.

Dr. Bekkari has been involved with ISNA (MSA, ISNA Continental, ISNA - Canada) since the late 1970s. Acted as ISNA Vice President - Canada in the mid 1980's, and also more recently, as the ISNA - Canada Vice President and President.

Moinuddin Ahmed Kermani
Treasurer



Moin Kermani, Eng. MBA, is a Professor at the John Molson School of Business in Concordia University, Montreal. His previous Business Career was with Alcan Aluminum and British Petroleum Companies.

He is currently Director and Secretary of the MCQ Mosque and Community Centre in Montreal;
Director of the TCF Canada in Toronto (TCF is a Canadian Charity); and President of the Qurtuba Housing Coop. and Al-Ittihad Investment Inc. in Montreal.

Pervez Nasim
Secretary



Br. Pervez Nasim holds a Bachelor of Commerce and is a Certified Management Accountant (CPA). He is a founding member and Chair of the Board of the Islamic Co-operative Housing Corporation Ltd., the first Interest-Free Home Ownership and Investment project in North America, and for that he has been volunteering his time since its inception in 1980 in Toronto.

Br. Pervez Nasim is also Chairman & CEO of Ansar Co-operative Housing Corporation and a number of Ansar Financial Group of Companies that organized the 3rd International Islamic Banking, Finance & Insurance (Takaful) Conference held in Ottawa, Canada in May 2007. Ansar Financial Group Companies are managing investments in excess of \$85 Million on an interest-free basis in various Projects and Joint Ventures in Canada.

Br. Pervez Nasim is also Chairman & CEO of the first interest-free Public Company in North America known as Ansar Financial and Development Corporation Ltd. This company is expected to be listed in a Stock Exchange in Canada in the near future.

Br. Pervez Nasim is former Chair, Canadian Islamic Trust Foundation (CITF), the Trust wing of ISNA - Canada, and Islamic Centre of Canada Project Committee (ISNA Canada HQ) and Currently ISNA Vice President – Canada (Continental ISNA based in Indiana, US).

Br. Pervez Nasim was employed by the Ministry of Finance in Canada, from where he took early retirement in 2004 after twenty-seven years of service, so that he can devote more time to the various Islamic Financing & Investment Projects.

During the past twenty-seven years he has made a number of presentations on ISLAMIC FINANCE AND INSURANCE (TAKAFUL) in various INTERNATIONAL ISLAMIC BANKING AND FINANCE conferences held in various cities in Canada & US, Khartoum, Kuala Lumpur, Trinidad, Chittagong, Jakarta, Riyadh, Monterrey Mexico, Malta, Dubai, Manchester (UK), Brunei Darussalam and at Harvard University, London School of Economics in England and at Crans Montana Forum in Geneva, Switzerland.

Dr. Katherine Bullock
Member



Katherine Bullock is a Lecturer in the Department of Political Science, University of Toronto at Mississauga. She sits on the boards of *The Tessellate Institute* and the *North American Association of Islamic and Muslim Studies*. She is also President of *Compass Books*, dedicated to publishing top-quality books about Islam and Muslims in English.

Her teaching focus is political Islam and her research focuses on Muslims in Canada, debates on the veil, and media representations of Islam and Muslims. Originally from Australia, she lives in Oakville, Canada with her husband and children. She embraced Islam in 1994.

Ahmed Shakir Vahed
Member



Ahmed Shakir Vahed holds a B.A. U.E.D. He has extensive experience including volunteering as Secretary - Talim ul Islam, Toronto; Secretary - Croatian Islamic Centre; Trustee and founding member – Jama Masjid, Mississauga.

His current volunteer activities include Ameer of Aitikaaf program at the ISNA - Canada Centre since 2002; Member of the Funeral Team (since 2002), Chair since 2014; Supervisor of the ISNA Book Store; Member of the Executive Committee of the Muslim Senior Circle; and Chaplain (Muslim) – Credit Valley Hospital.

Ahmed Shakir's work experiences include Manager - Tip Top Clothing; Supervisor of stores -Moores Mens Clothing; Supervisor of stores – Meyers Education Stores; Self Employed – Retail Business till 2010.

Khadija Saidi
Member



Khadija Saidi graduated from the College of Nursing, London, UK; is a past member of the Nursing and Midwifery Council UK as 2014; and is a current member of the B.C. Nurses Union. She is employed by St. Paul's Hospital, Vancouver, BC, as a Nurse.

Khadija's volunteer and charitable work includes Founder and Executive Director for Women in Dawah since 2003 (www.womenindawah.org); the ISNA - Canada BC Representative and served as Director in the Council from 2002 – 2005; BCMA Women's Board Director in various Executive positions from 1992 – 2003; BCMA Women's magazine Editor from 1998 – 2000; Speaker at UBC, SFU Muslim Students functions and in some BC Muslim Schools; and Organizer of conferences in BC.