

PRESIDENT'S REPORT (2016 – 2017)

In the Name of Allah, Most Gracious and Most Merciful.

Respected Brothers and Sisters,

Assalam u Alaikum Wa Rahmatullah Wa Barakatuhu.

It is indeed an honor to serve the Muslim community and I thank Allah (SWT) for giving me the opportunity to work for and maintain the mandate of the IAS. I would also like to thank the Muslim community for putting their trust in me for a long period of time, by electing me in different capacities on the IAS board. I hope that I have served to the best of my ability for the Islamic Center and Muslim community. I pray to Allah to accept our efforts and forgive our errors and mistakes.

Managing the affairs of any volunteer organization, especially one as diverse and complex as the IAS, requires dedication, hard work, experience, sincerity and patience to achieve the common goals. The consensus and long range outlook that the IAS has worked so hard to develop among all our Muslim community members should be maintained.

One of our short term goals is to improve the exterior structure of the front entrance of the building by adding a dome on the roof and improving the physical appearance of the entry by adding some details and attractive doors.

Our long term goal is to build the New Masjid/Islamic Centre. Two fundraising events were organized by the IAS for this grand project. (2015, 2016)

I would like to thank the executives for their support and hard work towards the betterment of the Islamic Center and Muslim community. I can only express my heartfelt gratitude for all those who are helping the IAS in providing different services and financial support. Thanks to all those who are representing IAS in different organizations. Special thanks goes to the chairs of MCOC Br. Daniel Kuhlen, Takaful Committee Br. Anzar, Refugee Settlement Committee Sr. Hanan and their committee members, President of Saskatoon Misbah School Br. Ashraf Bakari and Board of Directors, Prairie Muslim Association Br. Awlad Hossain and Board of Directors, Jamia Riyadhul Jannah and Board of Directors, IAS Caretaker Br. Ashfaq Afridi, SMS staffs, Muslim Student Association, Volunteers, and all Businesses that helped as well.

I would like to express my gratitude to Imam Ilyas Siyot for his commendable services for the betterment of the Muslim Community and to be an excellent liaison between different organizations and faith groups.

Please find below a brief report of IAS activities during the last year 2016. You can find additional details in other BOD committee's reports.

Jazakum Allah Khair

Khalil Ur Rehman

Rental Properties (Waqf):

IAS owns 2.5 duplexes (5 units). The first rental property was purchased in 1996. The combined purchase price for all these five units was \$353,000.00. The current estimated value of all these units are over 1.30 Million dollars.

Property Management

The total net rental income from the properties in 2016 was \$11,312. So far, the IAS has received total net revenue of \$528,822.00. Sr. Nuzhat Rehman had offered her voluntarily service to manage these properties for the past ten years. As of March 01, 2007 these properties were managed by the Normand Property. From June 01, 2012 they were managed by Elite Property Management Ltd.

In 2014, these properties were managed by Br. Imran Mughal (Board Member), from 2015 by Br. Naveed Anjum (Board Member) on voluntarily services.

New Mosque /Islamic Center and Full time school (SMS)

On October 14, 2010, a committee was formed by the IAS and SMS to explore long term solutions for the Saskatoon Muslim Community needs with regards to a New Muslim Community Center and a Permanent Facility for the Saskatoon Misbah School. The SPC provided written recommendations to the IAS and SMS Board of Directors on April 28, 2012.

In a Special Membership meeting held on March 03, 2013, a motion was passed to subdivide the 5 acres of land and sell to SMS at a fair market price and to establish a Fundraising Committee for the new Islamic Center and Mosque Plan.

On February 22, 2014 an offer to purchase was signed by the IAS President and Treasurer and Saskatoon Misbah School President. The price for the five acres of land parcel was \$75,000.00 (fifteen thousand per acre).

In 2014 IAS and SMS worked together to finalize the zoning and others studies with regards to land.

SMS appointed reputable consultants to assist in the pre-construction phase of the project that includes, figuring out water drainages plan, servicing options and overall development and other related issues before applying for the subdivision.

After dealing with different agencies, on April 18, 2016 Discretionary use application was approved by the Corman Park council for the new Islamic Center and School.

The subdivision will be finalized very soon, Insha Allah

I would like to thank Br. Ashraf El-Bakri for his tireless efforts and assistance in this regards.

Lease of Usage of IAS Facility by Saskatoon Misbah School

In a special General meeting held on September 19, 2009 a motion was passed to lease an identifiable space within the IAS Center to SMS for a nominal annual rent of \$1.00 with other conditions. The contract duration was from January 01, 2010 to June 30, 2014.

Another contract was signed on January 02, 2015 for a period of 3.5 years ending June 30, 2018 with the same Terms and Conditions. The contract was signed by the President and Youth Chairperson.