

**Minutes of OAAC 1st General Assembly,
held on Dec. 9, 2017 at 1100 Millwood Rd,
Toronto, ON.**

- 1) Assembly was called in order with quorum existing (89 present and 8 proxies).
- 2) Chair
 - read the Agenda and no addition to the Agenda was requested by the Assembly.
 - introduced Members of the Board and presented progress report for the period May 2017 – Dec. 2017.
 - . Why OAAC was incorporated
 - . The objectives of OAAC
 - . Number and geographical extent of membership
 - shared congratulatory messages from ODTU President and OAAC BC Representative Committee.
 - Presented Honorary Membership plaque to Ms. Nergis Kircalioglu for her kind support of the first OAAC annual bursary.
- 3) Elections were held for
 - Executive Board: Founding Board volunteered and were elected to continue their work for another term.
 - Advisory Group: Meral Altınbilek and Haluk Güner were nominated and elected.
 - Audit Committee: Bekir Kaya and Fahri Demiray were nominated and elected.
4. OAAC Membership Annual Fee was discussed:
 - Board recommended \$2 / month, ie., \$24 / year
 - Suggestions from the Assembly were a) rounding up to \$25/yr ; b) making it at least \$60/yr
 - Other members suggested a) Amount should be affordable by all; b) Older/established Alumni volunteering fees above \$25; c) Keeping the fee for students/newcomers to Canada at 'per household' basis

Fee was resolved at \$25/year; however, Alumni may choose voluntarily to pay their fee above this. (Chair added that the By-laws allow the Board to waive or lower the fee for a member if needed, decided on a case-by-case basis.)

5. Floor was opened for Questions and Suggestions by the Assembly.

Bekir Kaya, İrep Çakır, Arda Safkan, James Weber, Ramiz Baykara, Gülay Metivier, Kıvanç Tos, Erdem Bilaloğlu, Yalçın Süer, Zeynep Lüleş suggested and/or contributed to the discussion of the following:

- Charitable status (tax deductibility of donations) for OAAC to help raise funds easier
- Job forum / mentoring / referencing etc. to help new comer graduates
- Request to keep OAAC communication network free of political discussions
- Over-mailing members posing a nuisance to be avoided
- Web-site containing info about professions etc. of members so alumni can connect better/easier
- Need for regular, informal get together to keep our community involved
- Knowledge Sharing activities / seminars/ workshops and the like organized by OAAC.

Distribution: Advisory Group, Audit Committee; Alberta, BC, Saskatchewan representations; OAAC members proper.