# AAAEA - Capital Chapter

Kick-off Meeting Feb 3, 2018

### 2018 Executive Board

- > President: Mamdouh Elsakka
- Vice President: Amal El Akkraoui
- > Secretary: Mohamad Ayyoubi
- > Treasure: Eissa Haj-hamad
- > PR Virginia: Abdallah Adas
- > PR Maryland: Walid Halboni
- > IT & Communication: Rabih Najib
- > Social: Asma Soliman
- Education & Scholarship: Luai Huleihel
- Membership: Jina Al Assadi

## 2018 Goals

- 1. Define and engage the Board of Trustees Members: Q1
- 2. Hold a minimum of 5 Learn & Network Events: (Q1-Q4) & award Scholarships to qualified candidates: Q3
- 3. Manage Budget & Financial Tracking: Q1-Q4
- 4. Manage Social Activities: Q1-Q4
- 5. Manage IT Activities: Q1–Q4
- 6. Manage Membership Activities: Q1 Q4
- 7. Outreach and Communication Activities: Q1-Q4
- 8. Increase youth/student responsibility and engagement in the organization
- 9. Enhance and provide additional clarity to Bylaw: Q2
- 10. Hold Gala: (Q3) & 10-Year Anniversary Celebration: (Q2)
- 11. Enhance collaboration with National: Q1-Q4

### 1. Define and engage the Board of Trustees

(Mamdouh, Amal, Rabih, Abdallah)

- > Review and define the status of current Board of Trustees members
- ➤ Decide on 5-7 Board of Trustees Members with various backgrounds (i.e. CPA, Attorney, Industry executive, Former AAAEA presidents, etc.)
- Communicate to former and future Board of Trustees members accordingly verbally and in writing
- Hold at least 1 meeting/conference call with the 2018 Board of Trustees to communicate organization goals, status, and solicit feedback and consultation in Q1
- Hold additional meetings/Conference calls in as needed basis
- It is not recommended that past presidents who are part of the 2018 Executive Board to be members of the Board of Trustees
- Members to provide recommendations to the president

Previous Board of Trustees members: Ziad Sabra, Elias Sabora, Haitham Hijazi, Bilal Ayyub, Khalil Zaied, Hatim Hajj, Eissa Haj-Hamad, Nader Abuhassan, Sam Abdelfattah, Sam Kuba, and Rabih Najib

### 2. Learn & Network & Scholarships

(Luai)

#### L&N

- ➤ Hold a minimum of 5 Lunch & Learn Events to foster networking among members and provide educational opportunities in topics with interest to members of all ages and backgrounds
- Accommodate members in Maryland, Virginia, and DC by alternating the events between the two states and the District
- Diversify topics to be presented throughout the year from Engineering, Health Wellness, Financial (e.g. New tax law), Retirement, Management, or any other topics deemed appropriate and/or desired by members. Solicit feedback from members
- Coordinate with the youth leadership and provide opportunities for topics related to the youth. A minimum of 1 presentation to be held by a youth member
- Post announcement and summary of presentations before and after each event
- Coordinate with IT Chairman to post announcements in "Al Muhandes"
- Holding at least 1 L&N event in Q4 and after the Gala

# 2. Learn & Network & Scholarships - Cont.

(Luai)

- Reactivate membership at the Engineers Club and hold dinner seminars
- Consider video taping events and seminars and post on YouTube with a link from the Chapter's website
- ➤ Increase participation by 25% to ~ 25 attendees per event by engaging the youth and other members (Average participation in previous years ~20)

#### Scholarship

- Manage the scholarship program through initial communication, applications review, selecting recipients, and award at Gala
- ➤ Target \$6-\$8K to be granted to 6-8 recipients. Amount and number of recipients maybe updated by the EB based on number and quality of applications. Currently \$9,000 is in the scholarship account
- > A minimum of \$1,000 to be granted
- Consider looking for sponsors
- Consider listing the scholarship in an App

# 3. Budget & Financial Tracking

(Eissa)

- Complete and review 2017 final financial report and share results
- Track and record expenses and financial obligations in compliance with Bylaws and guidelines
- ➤ Generate an estimated budget for 2018 based on previous years data and planned activities in 2018
- > File 2017 taxes in compliance with Federal Regulations
- Manage PayPal account; Q1-Q4
- Generate Standard "Thank you letter" to be sent out to all donors to serve as acknowledgment for tax purpose as well.
- Complete and approve Balance Sheet through December 2018
- Maintain cash flow to support activities throughout 2018
  - Balance in January 1, 2018 is \$57,000
  - > Targeting final balance in Dec 2018  $\sim +/-10\%$ ; \$51k-\$62k

#### 4. Social Activities

(Asma)

- Hold at least 2 social events for entire chapter. Events may include:
  - Bowling (MD & VA; two events in Q1 & Q3)
  - Picnic (Targeting June in VA )
  - ➤ 10<sup>th</sup> Year anniversary celebration (Targeting April); Consider a cruise dinner; Can be subsidized by the association
  - Ramadan Iftar (Target 3<sup>rd</sup> week of Ramadan)
  - Consider world Cup gathering
  - Christmas Holiday party in early December
  - Family movie day (Private showing)
- Consider community services and volunteering events (i.e. Veteran's dinner serving at Baltimore's veteran's station and others)
- Create and track events Calendar "Year at a Glance"

#### 5. IT Activities

(Rabih)

- Manage the Chapter's website for announcements and postings for Gala, Special events, and holidays
  - Announcement for L&N events and Social events to be made by the Charmian of the respective Committees
- Maintain Association website up-to-date
- Create a google cloud account to share documents and store events, videos, etc.
- Consider using Word Press for the local domain
- ➤ EB to use association's e-mail addresses (@aaaeadc.com) for all communication especially external
- Liaison with National to communicate Chapter communication and incorporation into AlMuhandes
- Currently maintaining 2 copies of the website:
  - One for the Capital Chapter
  - One part and linked to National website (Needed for Online membership registration and posting announcement that are posted in AlMuhandes

# 6. Membership Activities

- Update membership database (Constant Contact)
- Send letters to previous members encouraging renewals
- Coordinate with Treasure to reconcile number of members with membership dues
- Generate standard letters for membership renewal and acknowledgment and send to members accordingly by emails
- Consider membership cards by mail
- Increase membership
  - ➤ In 2017; 114 active members
  - To-date 40 active members
  - Membership expires in December 31 with the exception of those who pay online where membership expires a year from enrollment

#### 7. Outreach and Communication

(A. Adas, W. Halboni, M. Ayyoubi)

- > Identify Outreach opportunities in Maryland and Virginia
- > Potential collaboration with other professional organizations (i.e. Arab American Medical Association, etc.)
- Document discussion and decisions made by the Executive Board
- Issue and distribute meeting minutes after each meeting and events
- Coordinate with IT Chairman to provide summary for communication to members and AlMuhandes in as needed basis
- Develop and purchase marketing materials and giveaways to promote the organization

# 8. Increase youth/student responsibility and engagement in the organization

(Amal, Luai, Saed)

- ➤ Select 2–3 leaders from the youth who have interest and are passionate to support the growth of the organization
- Working with the leadership team, define specific goals to the youth leadership to foster youth engagement
- Delegate authority to the youth leadership team
- Bridge the gap among all members of various academic, experience, gender, and ages
- Participate and utilize the L&N events to foster and increase participation of the youth in the organization
- Consider holding L&N event aimed at students in College Park

# 9. Enhance and provide additional clarity to Bylaws

(M. Shahine, Saed, Rabih, Mamdouh)

- Hold a Bylaw Education Day/Event for Executive Board and interested members to:
  - > Educate
  - Review
  - Solicit feedback, and
  - Identify enhancement or clarification opportunities for improvements if found appropriate
- Provide recommendations to amend the Bylaws if necessary

## 10. Gala & 10-Year Anniversary Celebration

(Amal, Eissa, Ziad, and Saed)

- A separate committee to be identified and formed
- Committee to review and recommend decisions for the timing, format, and contents
  - Use to award Scholarships
  - Review and implement lessons learned from previous events
- Hold 10-Year Anniversary Celebration
  - Decide on time and program (i.e. a cruise)
  - Present Chapter's accomplishment in the past 10 years
  - Recognitions

#### 11. Enhance collaboration with National

(Mamdouh, Rabih, Eissa, M. Ayyoubi)

- Events and information to be provided to National to be included in AlMuhandes Newsletter on a monthly basis to include:
  - ➤ Upcoming and Past events
  - ➤ Special recognition to our members
  - ➤ Others as appropriate
  - More participation in the National Conference
- > Two EB members are part of National EB this year
  - > Eissa is Secretary
  - Mohammad Ayyoubi is National Membership Chairman
- Two EB members are part of National Board of Directors this year
  - ➤ Rabih Najib
  - > Abdallah Adas

# Year at a glance 2018

2017	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	2017
SAT									1			1	SAT
SUN				1			1		2			2	SUN
MON	1			2			2		3	1		3	MON
TUE	2			3	1		3		4	2		4	TUE
WED	3			4	2		4	1	5	3		5	WED
THU	4	1	1	5	3		5	2	6	4	1	6	THU
FRI	5	2	2	6	4	1 Iftar Dinner	6	3	7	5	2	7	FRI
SAT	6	3 L&N Meeting	3	7	5	2	7	4	8	6	3	8 Election	SAT
SUN	7	4	4	8	6	3	8	5	9	7	4	Christhmas Party	SUN
MON	8	5	5	9	7	4	9	6	10	8	5	10	MON
TUE	9	6	6	10	8	5	10	7	11	9	6	11	TUE
WED	10	7	7	11	9	6	11	8	12	10 Asma's Birthday	7	12	WED
THU	11	8	8	12	10	7	12	9	13	11	8	13	THU
FRI	12	9	9	13	11	8	13	10	14	12 Jina's Birthday	9	14	FRI
SAT	13	10	10 L&N Meeting	14 L&N Meeting	12 L&N Meeting	9	14	11 L&N Meeting	15 L&N Meeting	13 Gala	10 L&N Meeting	15	SAT
SUN	14	11	11	15	13	10	15	12	16	14	11	16	SUN
MON	15	12	12	16	14	11	16	13	17	15	12	17	MON
TUE	16	13	13	17	15	12	17	14	18	16	13	18	TUE
WED	17	14	14	18	16	13	18	15	19	17	14	19	WED
THU	18	15	15	19	17	14	19	16	20	18	15	20	THU
FRI	19	16	16	20	18	15	20	17	21	19	16	21	FRI
SAT	20	17	17	21	19	16	21	18	22	20	17	22	SAT
SUN	21	18 Bowling - MD	18	22	20	17	22 Bowling - VA	19	23	21	18	23	SUN
MON	22	19	19	23	21	18	23	20	24	22	19	24	MON
TUE	23	20 Amal's Birthday	20	24	22	19	24	21	25	23	20	25	TUE
WED	24	21	21	25	23	20	25	22	26	24	21	26	WED
THU	25	22	22	26	24	21	26	23	27	25	22	27	THU
FRI	26	23	23	27	25	22	27	24 Amal's Birthday	28	26	23	28	FRI
SAT	27	24	24	28 10th Year Celeb.	26	23 Picnic	28	25	29	27	24	29	SAT
SUN	28	25	25	29	27	24	29	26	30	28	25	30	SUN
MON	29	26	26	30	28	25	30	27		29	26	31	MON
TUE	30	27	27		29	26	31	28		30	27		TUE
WED	31	28	28		30	27		29		31	28		WED
THU			29		31	28		30			29		THU
FRI			30			29		31			30		FRI
SAT			31			30 World Cup Event							SAT
SUN													SUN
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