

Minutes

Board of Directors Meeting

September, 2025

Location: Microsoft Teams



In attendance: M Mona Ghasemi, Asoudeh Novin, Mona Borghei, Daniel Bagheri Sarvestani, Mahdi Ghamari, Raheleh Tarani, Manizheh Babaei, Shilla Doaei, Arghavan Emami

In September, the board held one main working meeting and a short follow-up session focused on programming and funding. Members advanced planning for the upcoming Persian language celebration by agreeing that a small group drawn from existing committees would act as judges to review participant recordings and select winners, and that event prizes should, where possible, highlight Iranian handicrafts rather than mass-produced items, subject to donor consent.

The board reviewed the organization's non-profit status and past experience with federal student wage-subsidy grants, and identified priority themes for future grant applications, including cultural events, women's initiatives, and support for families affected by autism, with a plan to gather a list of suitable grant programs and consult experienced former collaborators.

It was reaffirmed that core expenses should primarily be covered through memberships, donations, and grants rather than relying on fee-based educational services, and that individual financial requests (such as from students) could be supported through visibility and promotion on the organization's channels rather than direct monetary aid.

In a later brief check-in, members continued logistical planning for the Persian celebration and asked the relevant committee to explore selling raffle tickets at the event as a way to increase participation and generate modest additional revenue.