



OTTAWA MUSLIM ASSOCIATION

President's Report OMA General Body Meeting 2021

Bismi' Allah Al-Rahman Al-Rahim

Assalamu alaikom wa Rahmatu Allahi wa Barakatu respected members of the Ottawa Muslim Association

It is with the blessing of Allah subhanahu wa ta'ala that I have served the OMA in the capacity of a president for the complete term of two years ending May 2022. Elhamd lelah and with the cooperation of a good team we had so many successes in the last year. And looking forward to more success in the year to come, in sha Allah.

In all of our activities within the mosque we tried our best to follow the guidelines of our religion and prophet Salla Allah Alaihe We salam. Our goal in every decision we took and action we applied – to the best of our abilities – was to please Allah Subhanah We Ta'ala, serve Islam and the Muslims in the Ottawa Region and to be part of the community at large.

During the last year, we had so many challenges to mention some, OMA financial and reduction in funds, online presence, hall of peace marketing, auditor report and many other that with the help of Allah and the board and trust cooperation we were able to overcome most of these challenges and the rest are on their way for a full resolution.

With a new board a president to the OMA , we are hoping they will continue working hand in hands with the rest of the Muslim community and masjids through the UMO-OG and the community at large.

Elhamd lelah we formed a few committees to take care of the day to day operation of the OMA and try our best to make everyone on the board engaged and utilize his/her talents and abilities to the max.

Imam Selection

Our new Imam Muhammad Sulaiman was appointed as the OMA Imam February 2020. He has finished his first-year probation and we have signed a 3 year contract with him.

Refugee program

The OMA with its history and strong community roots was a key member of the Refugees city program to help refugees to settle and integrate in their new home.

Also, the OMA and its volunteers helped in partial funding and sponsoring 14 families. And we have 4 families being processed by the government.

Government funding

One of the challenges that faced the OMA was its lack of tapping into the government funds for different programs that are already being offered at the OMA. Last year, Elhamd lelah and with the help of volunteers we were able to get government funds for a few programs, however, more work needs to be done on this front as there are too much benefits to the OMA and community by utilizing these funds.

- i. Security Infrastructure funding
- ii. Refugee assistance funds
- iii. Funding to hire summer students to work with the OMA

More work and education is required in this area to better utilize the funds available to the community.

OMA aid donations

The OMA is part of the community and its presence and help to the needy is part of its mandate and duty as the oldest organization in Ottawa and the second mosque in Ontario.

The OMA contributed to many events and fundraisers to help the needy and other charitable organizations to alleviate the suffering and hardship facing humans nationally and internationally.

OMA Zakat

The OMA mosque was able to distribute over 60K of zakat funds through a standard review and evaluation process.

Elhamd lelah more cooperation is being done between the OMA and other masajid to better utilize the zakat funds and help with cases that require large amounts of funds. More work and cooperation is required in this field to better manage the zakat funds citywide and to minimize chances of fraud or funds misuse.

International delegations

The OMA has its status as the oldest mosque in the city and it is known on the international level. With our good relationship with the different organizations and keeping our stand as the TO GO TO mosque in the city requires effort and dedication from the board and the OMA volunteers.

Conclusion

Alhamdlillah it is with Allah's blessings that allow me to serve as a president of the OMA, as a president I did my best within my capabilities. As always there is a huge space for improvement to serve Allah and the community. We are hoping with the new board and president the OMA will continue serving and continue having its role as a leading masjid representing the Muslims not only in the national capital but nationally.

At the end I would like to thank Allah, board members, OMA Trust and the volunteers for all of their dedications and effort to serve the community.

Jazakum Allah kheiran

Kind Regards,

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