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## ESANA GENERAL ASSEMBLY ANNUAL MEETING REPORT

October 17<sup>th</sup> - 19<sup>th</sup>, 2003

The following is the report of the General Assembly Annual Meeting of the Egyptian Student Association in North America (ESANA-GA). This meeting was held at Purdue University, West Lafayette, Indiana, October 17th -19th, 2003. The main conclusions and a summary of the different sessions are reported below.

### Meeting Attendees:

- Ambassador El Hussein Abdelwahab, Consul General of Egypt in Chicago.
- Dr. Ahmed Elkhashab; Consul of Cultural and Educational Affairs of Egypt in U.S.A.
- Dr. Ahmed Khairy; Consul of Cultural and Educational Affairs of Egypt in Canada
- Tamer Elkateb; ESANA President.
- Hesham Ismail; ESANA Vice President.
- Tamer Awad; ESANA Units Affairs Officer.
- Ahmed Nouh; ESANA Science Officer.
- Mahrous Kandil; ESANA Social Officer.
- Representatives and attendees of twenty-three ESANA Local Units.

### Main Conclusions

- Raising funds to ESANA by inviting well-known Egyptian figures for a series of events in major cities in U.S.A. and Canada.
- Examining the best time and a proper lawyer to revive the notion of suing the Missions Department of the Ministry of Higher Education in Egypt regarding the two recent modifications of its financial bylaws.
- The EC should send a detailed e-mail to all ESANA members explaining all the new regulations that the Missions Department of the Ministry of Higher Education in Egypt enacted.
- Regarding the recognition of graduate degrees, the EC should wait for Dr. Khairy and Dr. Elkhashab's contacts in Egypt as a last chance. If they failed the EC will send letters to the President, the Prime Minister, the President of Egyptian People's



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Assembly, the Minister, the Chair of the Supreme Council of Egyptian Universities. At the end, the EC should take a legal action.

- Dr. Ahmad Khairy promised that he will support ESANA's efforts to raise money via Al-Ahram Institution. Dr. Khairy also said that he talked with one of the businessmen in Montréal who promised to donate \$10,000 to ESANA.

### **Meeting Opening Session: (Tamer Elkateb, ESANA President)**

#### **Summary**

- Recitation from the Holy Qu'ran.
- Welcome speech.
- Outline of the ESANA-GA agenda.

### **Meeting Administrative Affairs (Hesham Ismail; ESANA Vice President)**

#### **Summary**

- Outline of the rules and regulations of the ESANA-GA meeting.
- GA sub-Committees were constituted: ESANA-EC Election Committee, ESANA Budget Review Committee, and ESANA Social Fund Review Committee.

### **ESANA General Problems: (Tamer Elkateb ESANA President)**

#### **Summary**

- **Tamer Elkateb** summarized ESANA's main problems, highlighting what was solved and what needs to be dealt with in the future. These problems include recent modifications of the Missions' bylaws, the recognition of graduate degrees obtained from U.S.A., U.S. visa renewal, health insurance problems, and others.

### **ESANA Executive Committee Report: (Hesham Ismail; ESANA Vice-President)**

#### **Summary**

- Overview of the two recent modifications of the financial bylaws of the Missions Department of the Higher Education Ministry (July 31st, 2001 and May 11th, 2002).
- Hesham mentioned that committees were formed and official letters prepared to deal with this issue. The official letters were sent to the authorities in Egypt.



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- Former ESANA president, Walid Hegazy, managed to meet with the authorities in Egypt.
  - Tamer Elkateb managed to meet the Minister of Higher Education.
  - After exhausting all possible avenues, a decision was made to support the ESANA members in suing the Missions Department in order to prevent applying the modifications in a retroactive way.
  - Hesham outlined ESANA's efforts to look for the suitable lawyer.
  - ESANA efforts failed because of the following two main reasons: (1) the lawyer's incredibility, and (2) the lack of interest from ESANA's members.
  - A decision was made to end ESANA efforts to sue the Mission Department.
  - Tamer Elkateb explained ESANA's efforts regarding the issue of recognition of graduate degrees.
  - Suggestions made include: asking the Ministry to determine a time limit; the date of recognition (al-'Akdameya) should be counted from the dissertation defense's date not the recognition's date; the Cultural and Educational Bureau (ECEB) should play a role regarding this issue; and using the internet to know the accredited universities.
  - The only success was the cancellation of the decision of "no reimbursement for student's family tickets upon their final return to Egypt."

### **Discussion**

- Some ESANA's members expressed their concern that the whole process was not well-organized regarding the number of members' participation, and the choice of an inappropriate time.
- Tamer Elkateb asserted that all parties involved in this issue might be held responsible: ESANA president and vice-president did not seek legal counseling; the lawyer chosen by the committee was found not to be specialized in constitutional law; and the lawyer was greedy. In addition, the communication method was not proper, as many members did not hear about the lawsuit.
- A member asked whether ECEB provided the members' names. Tamer Awad noted that although ECEB promised to fax a list of members' names, ESANA did not receive any list.
- Some members find it ridiculous for a prestigious university like MIT to be subject to the recognition procedures.
- Some members called the EC to reassume the lawsuit efforts.
- Tamer Elkateb said the EC will wait for Dr. Ahmad Elkhashab and Dr. Ahmed Khairy's visits to Egypt and if there is no positive result, the new EC will sue the Ministry.



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**Decisions Taken:**

Concerning the New financial modifications:

- The new Executive Committee (EC) will send an email to ESANA members with all modifications.
- The new EC will reexamine the issue and pick the most appropriate time to sue the Missions Department.

Concerning the recognition issue:

- Get update from Dr. Ahmad Elkhashab and Dr. Ahmad Khairy about their efforts in Egypt.
- If there are no positive results, the new EC will send a letter to the President, the Prime Minister, the President of Egyptian People's Assembly, the Minister of Higher Education, and the Chair of the Supreme Council of Egyptian Universities. If they fail, the new EC will look for a specialized lawyer to sue the Ministry.

**Social Officer's Report: (Mahrous Kandil, ESANA Social Officer)**

**Summary**

- Outline of social assistance fund regulations.
- Presentation of 2002/03 Social Fund Income; its main items are as follows:

Opening balance from 2001/02	\$ 1,944.06	
ECEB deposit		
Jan., 2003	\$ 2,000	
March, 2003	\$ 2,000	
May, 2003	\$ 1,000	
July, 2003	\$ 2,000	
Sept., 2003	\$ 1,000	
Oct., 2003	\$ 1,000	
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Total inflow	\$ 10,944.06	
Checks issued and cashed by members till 8/25/2003		\$ 8,848.21
Checks issued and/or not cashed yet (by Oct. 9th)		\$ 2,145.06



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Total inflow	\$ 10,944.06
Total outflow (10/9/03)	\$ 10,993.27

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Assumed Net balance - \$ 49.21  
(If all checks have been cashed)

Actual Balance is not negative because the recently issued checks that have not been cashed yet value at \$ 2,145.06)

Actual Balance

Total inflow	\$ 10,944.06
Actual cashed outflow (10/9/03)	\$ 8,848.21

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\$ 2,095.85

Resulted from

1- Actual Bank Balance (positive)	\$ 1,095.85
2- Sept. Bank Statement which does not include the last deposit	\$ 1,000

Distribution of Outflow

- Canada	44 members	\$ 3307.12	30%
- USA	74 members	\$ 7686.15	70%
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	118 member	\$ 10,993.27	

Checks' Number ----- 140

- Problems with the health insurance company, such as the delay in paying bills, faked reasons for unpaid bills, not returning phone calls, double standard policy in some circumstances, no policy regulations in the company's website, pregnancy problems, unclear policy for students, so many names on the insurance card, and the company's address changes every year.



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- The Mission Department's budget should pay the difference between the actual hospital cost and the cost paid by the insurance company. Yet they do not implement this.
  - Mahrous mentioned that a child ticket is more expensive with Egypt Air. He also noted to the problem of expensive flight ticket prices for the third child of ESANA members upon their final return to Egypt.
  - Concerning the visa renewal, Mahrous said that Ambassador El Hussein Abdelwahab sent a letter, asserting that procedures can be started from U.S.

### **Discussion**

- Muhammad Salem said that he has the e-mails of the insurance company's employee and his boss and he is willing to give the ESANA members these e-mail addresses.
- Mahrous suggested that members could purchase their universities' insurance. A member raised the issue of late insurance payments sent to universities. Tamer Elkateb suggested that universities should include the health insurance payments with the tuition.
- Mahrous asked the members to record all phone calls with the company: names, dates, and the call content. He also asked them to keep all statements and bills issued by this company.
- Mahrous said that he will email all the detailed information concerning this issue to all members.

### **Science Officer's Report: (Ahmed Nouh, ESANA Science Officer)**

#### **Summary**

- Outline of general duties of the Science Officer, including ESANA's website and ESANA's projects: Book Campaign (6 years of Success; \$5,000,000.00 Value; ESA Link; Study in North America (SINA); The Voice of the ESA (VESA) and ESANA Research Support (ERS).
- Presenting the difficulty in dealing with the old website due to the sophistications in its design.
- Presenting the features of the new website: learning from practical problems of the previous design; easy HTML format known by the majority of students; directory structure and file names follow new ESANA's policies; events and news section; full documentation; easy for editing and appending; less features but more informative; and new search engine powered by Google.
- The ESANA's email list continues to function as a good method for the interaction between ESANA members.



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- Ahmad suggested that an Arabic version of the web-site should be available as well.
  - He also recommended that a Web-Manager position is needed to improve and maintain the website since the ESANA's website requires dedicated efforts.

### **Discussion**

- Gehad Sadik criticized the design of the front page of the website suggesting that the new features be kept with the old front page being added to it. He also argued that it would be better to keep the old name of the ESANA members' mailing list (ESANA.net).
- Tamer Elkateb said that help is needed especially from those who are knowledgeable in Computer Sciences.
- Ahmad outlined the ESANA's policy of the members' mailing list.
- Gehad Sadik suggested amending this policy because every day there is something new.
- A member suggested asking a company in Egypt to redesign the website.

### **Units Affairs Officer's Report: (Tamer Awad Units Affairs Officer)**

#### **Summary**

- Outline of the general tasks of Units Affairs Office with an emphasis on developing accurate database of ESANA members and Egyptian professors in North America.
- Overview of the current status of ESANA's local units (36 local units: 7 in Canada and 29 in U.S.) and highlighted the significant decrease in number of units and members compared with previous years.
- Four new units were opened in Oregon (the first unit in west), California, Birmingham, Alabama (the 2<sup>nd</sup> unit in this state), and Iowa.
- There are 721 members: 242 in Canada and 479 in U.S.
- Changes in units' number and changes in members' number over years, ESANA member's classification based on their majors, and Engineering members classification based on their field of research were presented as charts.
- Expressing the need for the assistance of all ESANA members to develop the database about Egyptian professors in USA.
- Outline of ESA-LINK, SINA and ERS.
- Outline of the problem of late results of the units elections: only 17 units replied at the election due date (May 31<sup>st</sup>, 2003), and until Mid-August, the total number of units that replied was 25. The last unit replied 10 days before the ESANA-GA.



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- Outline of the accuracy of the data base provided by units' presidents at the election time: only 10% of units sent accurate and complete data.
  - Contacting the local units to develop a database about Egyptian professors in U.S.
  - The current situation in data base for professors is as follows:
    - A committee has been formed of ESANA Vice-President, Social and Units affairs officers.
    - The data base format file has been constructed.
    - The units are divided among the three committee members
    - The project was postponed and to be continued after the units elections insha' Allah.
    - Problem: a lack of interest from ESANA members
  - A meeting with Dr. Alaa Sarhan regarding two health insurance problems; the two problems were solved two weeks after the meeting.
  - A meeting with Mr. Gamal Moubarak. Discussion included the policy of the Democratic National Party in different aspects, and questions were raised regarding problems of education in Egypt, youth's participation of in political life, and the political situation in the Middle East. Tamer asked Mr. Moubark, as a security of Polices Committee of the ruling Democratic National Party, to attend this GA, as an approach to oversee ESANA members' problems in North America. Tamer's attendance was not on behalf of ESANA-EC but was on behalf of Auburn unit.
  - Tamer Awad outlined the policy that guides the Practical Training and Post-Doctoral Internship. Tamer Elkateb asked those who have more details to send them to all ESANA's members.

### Discussion

- Tamer Elkateb argued that there are two main reasons for the decrease of the ESANA members' number: (1) the fear of studying in U.S. after the September 11, 2001 events and (2) some local units preferred to form independent associations.
- Many concerns were expressed about the decrease in the number of local units and recommended contacting the ECEBs to obtain more information about Egyptian students in North America. A member suggested preparing bulletins and brochures about ESANA to be distributed in Egyptian universities. Tamer Elkateb said he sent faxes and letters to Egyptian universities' presidents and the Mission Department in Cairo.
- Dr. Khairy said ESANA officers should be careful not to depend on employees and told the attendees that he devotes about 10 minutes in every meeting he attends to speak about ESANA.



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- Tamer Awad asked the members to be more helpful with regard to the provision of data and information about their units. He also brought, for each ESA representative, a floppy disk with his/her units' data, asking them to check the data, make any needed corrections and send them back to the Units Affairs officer.

**Treasurer Report: (Mahrous Kandil, ESANA Social Officer)**

**Classified Total outcome:**

GA 2002	7703.06
BC 2002	3939.18
BC 2003	2302.54
Communication	810.38
Mobile Exhibition	243.21
ESANA Unit awards	250
Printing ESANA brochures	164.76
Law suit and Tawkeels	172.07
Miscellaneous Cost	646.61
Non-profit organization	3000
President cost	500
Helwaan university refund	3,741.81
<b>Total outcome</b>	<b>23473.62</b>

**Total Income**

Opening Balance		23,569.56	last year
Deposit	ECEB	1,000	5/21/2003
Deposit	ECEB	2,000	7/14/2003
Total Income		26,569.56	



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**Current ESANA Balance updated in Sept 1<sup>st</sup>: 26569.56 - 23473.62= 3095.94 USD**

**There are four checks that did not show up in the last statement (end of Aug, 2003) with following description**

Check number	value	Member	date	category
22-35	2565.01	NPO	23-Aug	NPO
22-36	37.2	M. Ghanem	24-Aug	Commun
22-37	450	M. Ghanem	9-Sep	75% ticket
2240	41.79	Mohamed Elfeky	10-Sep	BC 2003
2241	71.86	Rachel Lum	11-Sep	BC 2004
Total	3165.86			

### General Meeting with:

- Dr. Ahmad Elkhatab, Counselor of Egyptian Educational and Cultural Affairs in U.S.
- Dr. Ahmad Khairy, Counselor of Egyptian Educational and Cultural Affairs in Canada.
- *Ambassador El Hussein Abdelwahab, Consul General of Egypt in Chicago.*

### Summary

- Ambassador El Hussein Abdelwahab delivered a presentation that includes the rules of Special Registration applied on citizens of most Islamic countries who live in U.S. and the political situation in the world, especially toward Iraq, Syria, and the occupied Palestinian territories.
- Dr. Elkhatab presented the activities of the ECEB in Washington DC, highlighting the recent changes in Egypt regarding the notion of party's government, human rights and the notion of citizenship.
- Dr. Elkhatab also noted to the ruling Democratic National Party conference and its reform efforts and the latest scientific research in Egypt.
- Dr. Elkhatab also presented the main findings of his meetings with Dr. Fawzi al-Refai, the Chairman of Scientific Research Academy, who signed a research agreement with National Scientific Foundation, with Dr. Muhammad Abdellah,



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Alexandria University's President, and Dr. Muhammad al- Fayomi, Dean of the Faculty of Commerce, who signed an agreement with Washington University concerning MBA programs.

- Dr. Ahmad Khairy gave a presentation on three main topics: the activities of the ECEB in Canada, the cultural and educational aspects, and an advice to Egyptian students in North America. He asked ESANA members to do their best to reflect the true image of Egypt as they are considered the unofficial representatives of Egypt in North America.
- Dr. Khairy promised to help ESANA in raising money. He also mentioned that there is an Egyptian businessman who promised to donate \$10,000 to ESANA. Dr. Khairy asked the EC to provide him with ESANA brochures so he can help propagate ESANA goals in his meetings and visits.

#### **Discussion**

- Many ESANA members' concerns were raised in the meeting. Among these concerns is the high cost of living in some states in U.S. Dr. Elkhashab promised to raise this issue with his contacts with the Ministry of Higher Education.
- Regarding the issue of the degrees' recognition, Dr. Elkhashab and Dr. Khairy suggested that ESANA should take the case directly to Dr. Mufid Shehab and that the ECEBs will help ESANA efforts.
- Some members raised their concern regarding the extension for the fifth year, post-doctoral internships, and the latest financial modifications.
- Tamer Elkateb asked the two Counselors to help ESANA with regard to budget and communication issues.
- Some ESANA members raised a variety of political concerns and questions, including the official Egyptian reaction toward the Special Registration, the Arab Mutual Defense Treaty and the war against Iraq, nuclear activities in Egypt, unstable Egyptian foreign policy toward Arab countries, and the danger of suspicious organizations in U.S.
- Responding to members' concerns, Dr. Ahmad Khairy and Dr. Ahmad Elkhashab outlined development efforts in Egypt, Toshka project, and technological progress in Egypt. They asked ESANA's members to participate in development and research efforts and not to allow some negative aspects frustrate or disturb Egyptian researchers and scholars.
- Dr. Ahmad Khairy argued that a great part of Egypt's problems stemmed from its concern with the Arab interests, and that Egypt should seek its interests first.



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## Vice President's Report: (Hesham Ismail, ESANA Vice-President)

### Summary

- Overview of Vice President's responsibilities, including: Book Campaign, ESA-link, SINA, and ERS, and developing a database about Egyptian professors in North America.
- Outline of Book Campaign challenges, which include contacts with Zagazig University, Ain Shams University and Helwan University, and putting ESANA emails on emailing lists of organizations that donate books and journals.
- 300 boxes of books and journals had been shipped on Feb 17, 2003.
- Hesham mentioned that several reminder e-mails have been sent to the ESANA mailing list encouraging ESANA's members for participation. He contacted 20 organizations, yet only two positively responded.
- As for new sources for books and fund: applying for fund from ASA (African Studies Association).
- On September 21, 2003, American Chemical Society (ACS) donated a 40-ton container of books and journals (Chemistry and Physics) to Zagazig University, completely free of charge.
- Project HOPE (Health Opportunities for People Everywhere) donated a total of 12 boxes (mainly medical and nursing).
- Overview of main activities of SINA, ESA-link, ESA-NA Research Support (ERS) Project, leaving the details to the project managers.
- The main problem of SINA, ESA-link, ESA-NA and ERS projects is lack of members' participations.
- Suggestions: publicizing the ESANA activities, ESANA brochures, media campaign, opening new units.
- Regarding Egyptian Professors Database: a committee has been formed in order to help collect data via local units. Six units have already sent their contributions. The data base has currently 65 Professors from 42 Universities.

### Discussion

- Tamer Elkateb gave some details on ESANA's difficulties with universities of Ain Shams, Helwan and Zagazig, noting that the main problem was how to reach universities' presidents and officials over the phone.
- ESANA members praised vice-president's efforts.



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## **Book Campaign Report: (Mohamad Elfeki, Book Campaign Manager)**

### **Summary**

- Overview of the ESANA seventh Book Campaign, which is hosted this year at Purdue University for the second year.
- The books collected will be sent to Zagazig University.
- The project started February 2003. The first shipment received was from Mississippi State University.
- ESANA Book Campaign activities include: labeling of boxes and contacting Egyptian professors asking for their donations (Sent to 50 professors, 4 replies, but no donation so far).
- Mohamad noted to a very important issue regarding the shipment procedures, which is related to the documents that should be sent to the recipient university. He suggested that a list with detailed procedures must be developed for the future.
- Presentation of the boxes received from the local units. The top three participants are: American Chemical Society (84 boxes), Mississippi State University (36) and University of Pittsburgh (20).
- Acknowledgments: all ESA members at Purdue University, Hesham Ismail, U. of Cincinnati, Ahmed Nouh, and Mohamed Awadalla.

### **Discussion**

- ESANA members praised the Book Campaign office's efforts.
- Many ESANA members asked about the shipment procedures and costs, and how members can participate in future activities.

## **ESA-NA Research Support (ERS) Project and ESA-Link project: (Mohamed Awadalla)**

### **Summary**

- Overview of the main objectives and features of the two projects.
- Regarding SINA project: before the Semi-Annual meeting (SAM) of 2003, SINA got 12 requests and ESA-Link got one request. After SAM, SINA received 13 requests (7 positive responses, i.e. 53.8 %), while ESA-Link received 8 requests (6 positive responses, i.e. 75 %).
- Presentation of inquiries based on the sender's major and concern.



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- Reassertion of old recommendations: propaganda campaign in Egyptian universities, increase members' awareness, and develop database for all ESA-Net members.
  - New recommendations: On-line Electronic Application Form; e-mail forwarding service to ESANA members who have similar majors to the person's specialization within each major research area; assigning area managers for different research areas and recruiting more managers for the remaining areas.
  - Appreciation for improving the web-site.

#### **Discussion**

- ESANA members praised the Book Campaign office's efforts.
- Many attendants emphasized on not to post the personal information of ESANA members on the website to protect their privacy.
- Many attendants also asserted that one of the main challenges is to avoid any activity that might trigger legal action against ESANA.
- Hesham Ismail mentioned that there is no need to have a new vision for every new manger. That is, it would be better to fulfill what has been already developed.

#### **Special Discussion of the complaint presented by the Edmonton Unit President Mohamed Elkamash:**

- Tamer Awad presented detailed information regarding the complaint and gave a proposed reply to be voted for by the ESANA GA members.
- Many ESANA members discussed the issue with Tamer Awad and Tamer Elkateb. At the end of this session, Tamer Awad's proposals were approved. (See appendix I, which includes the ESANA-GA reply on this complaint).

#### **President's Report: (Tamer Elkateb, ESANA President)**

##### **Summary and Discussion:**

- Outline of ESANA objectives, structure, and services provided to the members and fellow researchers in Egypt.
- Presentation of different challenges of ESANA, including lack of fund and recognition of ESA-NA, recognizing post-graduate degrees obtained outside Egypt, the recent modifications in the regulations of the Missions Department in Egypt, communication with Egyptian authorities, health insurance problems, decrease in numbers of local units, lack of members' participation, renewal of the U.S. Visa, members' personal problems, and lawsuit against the Mission Department.



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- Potential solutions for the financial problems include: conducting fund raisings (need a committee, public figures, and local units' efforts), governmental grants, selling products, and contacting Egyptian organizations in North America.
  - Tamer Elkateb mentioned that Dr. Ahmad Khairy promised that he will support ESANA's efforts to raise money via Al-Ahram Institution.
  - Contacts with Mr. Amr Khaled that failed because of his busy schedule. Tamer asked the new EC to follow up this issue.
  - For membership fees, the ESANA GA discussed many proposals and decided to ask the local units whether they should be enforced or not.
  - Overview of members and local units' participation. Tamer highlighted that this issue is controlled by cost-benefit analysis and individualism vs. group work, asking ESANA members to participate and help fulfill ESANA's activities.
  - Presenting the need to publicize ESANA's activities via sending brochures to the ECEBs and Egyptian universities, effective media campaigns, and inviting TV channels to cover ESANA's activities.
  - Tamer Elkateb suggested inviting TV channels to cover the next semi-annual meeting. He also asked the next EC to keep the ESANA website updated, and ask ESANA's members who study Computer Sciences to help in this regard.
  - Presenting ESANA's political stands toward many events, including the Visit of Dr. Mufied Shehab, the visit of Mr. Gamal Mubarak, and the war on Iraq (a letter was sent to President Mubarak regarding the war against Iraq, and emails were sent to President Bush and Mr. Koofi Annan). Tamer mentioned that the ECEB in Washington expressed its concern regarding ESANA contact with President Mubarak directly without referring to the ECEB. Tamer emphasized on the independency of ESANA and said that one of ESANA main goals is a political one, that is, to react to different political events.
  - Tamer Elkateb mentioned that the EC decided not to attend the meeting with Mr. Gamal Mubarak for three main reasons: (1) Mr. Gamal Mubarak does not have any official position in the government and that ESANA doesn't contact political parties' representatives and (2) the ESANA's request to have an agenda for the meeting was rejected, (3) the ESANA's request to have ten minutes to present ESANA's concerns during the meeting was rejected.
  - Overview of ESANA's contacts with Egyptian, Canadian and Jewish organizations. Tamer suggested creating a committee to look at Canadian organizations that donate to Canadian non-profit organization.
  - ESANA rejected Jewish organizations' proposals for funds. Tamer mentioned that he told them (1) peace could be established when the Israeli and American governments, not the Egyptian government, work for peace, (2) no anti-Semitism in



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Egypt because Arabs are Semitic, and (3) Israel should cease its aggressive policies toward Palestinians.

- Tamer Elkateb mentioned in details ESANA contacts with ENA-Ladies and the way their members use ESANA's mailing list. Many ESANA members discussed the issue with Tamer Elkateb. At the end of this session, Tamer Elkateb's proposal was approved. This proposal banned this organization from using ESANA's mailing list unless they are part of ESANA. (See the appendix II, which includes the ESANA's reply on the ENA-Ladies organization).
- ESANA Internal Affairs:
  - Performance of ESANA Executive Committee (good).
  - Performance of ESANA Project Managers (very good to excellent).
  - Communication and co-operation between ESANA EC and local units executives (average to good).
  - Involvement of ESANA members in ESANA affairs (poor).
  - ESANA as a non-for profit organization was the most prominent achievement during 2003.
- Acknowledgment:
  - Dr. Ahmad Khairy, Consul of Cultural and Educational Affairs of Egypt in Canada
  - The ECEBs in Montreal & Washington DC
  - ESANA EC members
  - Purdue Unit
  - Gehad Sadek
  - Walid Hegazy
  - Hesham Ismail
- Appreciation Certificates to Cincinnati University, Gehad Sadek, Purdue University Unit.
- Gehad Sadek proposed reviving an old idea of creating a new association in Egypt for the Egyptian Graduates from North American Universities. ESANA's members welcomed the idea and promised to cooperate.

### **Election of the Executive Committee 2003/2004:**

The election of the ESANA Executive Committee for 2003/2004 was held at the end of the ESANA-GA meeting. The final results are as follows:

- **ESANA President:** **Ahmad Nouh**  
Computer Engineering, Ottawa University,  
Ontario, Canada.



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- **ESANA Vice President:** **Tamer Awad**  
Pharmaceutical Sciences, Auburn University,  
Alabama, USA.  
Assistant Lecturer at Suez Canal University.
  - **ESANA Units Affairs  
& Coordination Officer:** **Tamer Mahmoud**  
Microbiology & Immunology, University of  
Alabama, Alabama, USA.  
Demonstrator at Cairo University.
  - **ESANA Science Affairs Officer:** **Ahmad Eissa.**  
Chemical Engineering, North Carolina State  
University, North Carolina, USA.  
Assistant Lecturer at Cairo University.
  - **ESANA Social Affairs Officer:** **Mohamed Ibrahim.**  
Biochemistry, SUNY University at Buffalo,  
New York, USA.  
  
Assistant Researcher in National Research  
Center (NRC), Molecular Biology Department.
  - **ESANA Treasurer:** **Mohamed El-Feky.**  
Computer Sciences, Purdue University, Indiana,  
USA.  
Assistant Lecturer at Arab Academy of Science  
and Technology, Alexandria.
  - **ESANA Media Affairs Officer:** **Abdel-fattah Mady.**  
Political Science, Claremont Graduate  
University, California, USA.  
Assistant Lecturer at Alexandria University.

### **The Committee of Conflict Resolution 2003/2004:**

The committee was selected as follows:

- Tamer Alkateb.
- Hesham Ismail.
- Muhammad Salem.