

Friday Announcements

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The official newsletter of the *Islamic Society of Central Pennsylvania*

Election of new Executive Committee on February 13

Special points of interest:

- Islamic Society elections will be on Saturday, February 13.
- Membership applications must be submitted to the Executive Committee by Friday, January 29.
- Nominations for Executive Committee positions will be accepted through Friday, February 5.

Important notes

- All memberships in the Society expired on December 31, 2009.
- All persons must complete a new membership form and pay the required dues for 2010.
- In order to vote on February 13, you must submit your membership application by Friday, January 29.

Elections of the new Executive Committee of the Islamic Society will take place at the general body meeting on Saturday, February 13.

The Executive Committee has five members: President, Vice-president, Treasurer, Secretary, and Activity Coordinator. The current officers are listed on Page 2 of this newsletter.

Nominations for the Executive Committee will be accepted through Friday, February 5. To nominate someone for the Executive Committee of the Society, please e-mail or give your nomination to the Society secretary, Charles Morgan. Before nominating someone, you should discuss this with him/her first, and you should verify that your nominee is a paid member

of the Society.

According to the Constitution of the Islamic Society (ISCP), in order to serve on the Executive Committee a persons must satisfy the following criteria:

1. He/she must be a member of the ISCP.
2. He/she must be a committed Muslim who is an active member of the ISCP.
3. He/she must have resided in central Pennsylvania for at least four months before the date of the election.

In order to be nominated for election to the Executive Committee, a person must be nominated by at least two members of the ISCP. In addition, a person may not nominate himself/

herself. A person can be nominated for more than one position, but he/she cannot be elected to more than one position.

In order to vote in this election, you must be a paid member of the Society. You also must be a paid member of the Society in order to nominate a person for the Executive Committee.

All memberships expired on December 31, 2009; therefore, all persons wishing to renew membership or apply for new membership must submit a new membership application. Membership applications are due by Friday, January 29.

Membership in the Islamic Society

All memberships in the Islamic Society expired on December 31, 2009.

All current members and new members must renew their memberships for 2010 by completing a new membership application and submitting the required membership dues. Membership dues are \$10 for single members and

\$20 for family membership.

Family membership grants voting rights to both parents. Children who are 18 years of age and older must complete their own membership applications and pay the required dues.

Membership applications are available in the mosque. You may submit

your membership application to any member of the Executive Committee through Friday, January 29.

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**Serving the Islamic Community in Centre
and Surrounding Counties**



The Islamic Society of Central Pennsylvania (ISCP) is a local non-profit religious organization. The Executive Committee of the ISCP consists of five volunteers who are elected by the general body. They consist of the following members:

- **President**-Muhammad Al-Rumah
- **Vice-president**-Muhammad Al-Thewiny
- **Secretary**-Charles Morgan
- **Treasurer**-Ibrahim Moustafa
- **Activity coordinator**-Mohammed Al-Hosini

You can contact the Executive Committee by e-mail at ec@iscponline.net.

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Land use appeal proceeds to trial



**Sultan Ahmed mosque in
Turkey**

At its hearing on October 20, the Zoning Hearing Board of Ferguson Township reaffirmed its previous decision to deny the Islamic Society the right to build a cemetery and mosque on its property on West College Avenue.

The Islamic Society and the Ferguson Township Board of Supervisors presented testimony to support the Society's application for permission to build. Both the Society and the Township agreed that the Federal law known as RLUIPA (Religious Land Use and Institutionalized Persons Act)

would require that the Zoning Hearing Board grant a validity variance, which would grant permission to build on the property.

However, in a 3-2 decision, the Zoning Hearing Board disagreed.

Following the hearing on October 20, the Executive Committee of the Islamic Society instructed our attorney, Mr. Terry Williams, to continue pursuit of our legal appeal in the Pennsylvania courts.

A short time after this hearing, the Ferguson Township Board

of Supervisors filed a petition to be allowed to intervene in the appeal in support of the Islamic Society. On November 16, Judge Thomas King Kistler granted this petition and ordered that the Township be allowed to join us in opposition to the decision of the Zoning Hearing Board.

We are now awaiting notification of a trial date from the Court of Common Pleas.

The Township Board of Supervisors and the Zoning Hearing Board are separate, independent bodies.

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