

IACC AMEER AND SHURA CANDIDATE PROFILES

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Job Title/Profession: Senior Staff Engineer/Engineering

IACC community member for over 8 years

About Me: Assalaamu Ailikum Wr. Wb., I grew up in Brooklyn, NY (NYC) and did my elementary through high school in NYC. I did my bachelor in IT from Rochester Institute of Technology (RIT), Rochester, NY. Upon graduation I moved to Washington, DC to start my professional career. While working, I completed my MBA in Finance, from Marymount University in Arlington, VA. Recently I have completed my Doctoral studies in Engineering Management (D.Eng.) from The George Washington University (GWU) in Washington, DC in May 2019.

- Humble, honest, dependable, open minded, and an independent thinker
- Helpful to those need help, and adviser to those need advice
- Thankful to my elders and friends for their support
- Alhamdulillah for what I am and what I am not
- All credit belongs to Allah swt alone



I feel the biggest issue facing the Muslim community is: Running and managing Muslim organizations like corporate America.

- Stigma - we must deal with the challenges facing our youth and family
- Meritocracy - search, qualify, encourage, and enable best of us to lead
- Pragmatism - an empirical approach that yields results
- Honesty - Allah consciousness and taking responsibility for failure

My short-term vision for IACC: Launch one or two national programs mobilizing Muslim America, iA.

- Review, improvise, and modernize our programs to address our challenges of today

I My long-term vision for IACC: Extend the vision of our elders and make IACC a center of excellence.

- Empowering our members by extending service to greater community
- Make IACC center of secular and religious development.

You should choose me as your Shura Member because:

- I will reply to community members email and take an attempt to answer your question(s) in my best ability, In Sha Allah.
- I am running to shoulder the responsibilities of our elders, believing that I can do some good, In Sha Allah.
- I ask Allah for a win, only if it is good for me and the community.

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Amar Varanasi

Assalam Aleikum wa rahamatullahi wa barakathuhu.

About Me: Alhamdulillah, all praises to Allah SWT and salutations to the messenger of Allah (PBUH)

I, Amar Varanasi have been living in Collin County for more than 8 years. I'm a regular patron to IACC mosque.

I belong to Hyderabad, India. I have master's degree from Osmania University. I live with My Wife and 10 year old son.

I have been serving the community through IACC for last 6 years as official volunteer. I'm engaged in Matrimonial committee

as volunteer. By far, as IACC Matrimonial services, we had brought forward yearly events to the community for last 5 years with a great team effort and received success stories and testimonials.

I feel the biggest issue facing the Muslim community is:

Over the past years, IACC has grown rapidly with lot of new neighbors relocated from various other states within the US, while the needs of community also grown substantially. I lately realized; the current set up needs expansion in terms of providing services to the community. It is only possible while the community engages at a larger scale. But lack of participation from community will not help us a few individuals in shura or volunteer groups would not change the situation of the community.

My short-term vision for IACC:

My profound thought process and observation brings me to the following conclusion that will help all the community develop at large and in a sustained manner.

My long-term vision for IACC:

1. Engaging and training youth for effective leadership
2. Modernizing and leveraging IT for effective management of resources.
3. Promoting youth and women for more volunteer hours for community assistance and growth
4. Creating a consortium for safeguarding the Teachers, so that our kids can get continuous Quranic education.
5. Engaging more professional health care providers, legal workers, and other social service providers for helping the community by increasing the professional volunteer hours.

You should choose me as your Shura Member because

All the above initiatives will not be successful without community engagement. This will need a progressive leadership, thought leadership. I will bring this part from my experience. Since, I have been a working professional for last 20 years, I managed teams of thought leadership and engineering across the globe.

Volunteered substantial hours working with community members from various walks of life.

“No man is a true believer unless he desires for his brother that, what he desire for himself” - Bukhari

We leave nothing but legacy. Choose your leader wisely.



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Hussain Kedwaii

Job Title/Profession: Business owner

IACC community member for over 25 years

About Me: I have been living in Plano since 1990. I am married with two boys, one is a graduate student at SMU, and the other is an undergraduate student at UTD. I have served in Shura for six years in the past, four as a shura member, and two as an Ameer.

- I helped start a Mother's Day Out program at our Masjid. Based on the success of the program, we bought a separate building and started a full-time daycare and elementary school.
- I Participated in the creation of the IACC constitution, in the purchase of our current land, and the construction of the existing building.
- Imam Yasin Sheik's hiring happened under my watch.
- As a lead for the Imam search committee, I recommended the hiring of Imam Azhar Subedar to the Shura
- I have played a part in IACC education, Halal food, open house, Dawah, the Imam search, and other committees/events.

I feel the biggest issue facing the Muslim community is:

- There is a lack of community participation and a growing feeling that their feedback is ignored/unwelcomed.
- Employee empowerment is missing.
- Long term vision of the Masjid/community is lost amidst the people.
- People aren't motivated.
- Youth Engagement in youth Masjid activities is low.
- Funding during the pandemic is weak

My short-term vision for IACC:

- Allow the community to feel a sense of belonging.
- Empower our existing employees.
- Increase funding during this pandemic.
- Increase youth participation as Leads in Masjid programs
- Facilitate internship and job opportunities for youth.
- Coordinate with other Dawah organizations to improve on Dawah and retention programs for new Muslims.
- Create community participation and feedback loop.

My long-term vision for IACC:

- To work alongside our Imam and the Resident Scholar to pave a stable path for generations to come. To solidify the future of this community, make IACC everyone's masjid, and for IACC to be recognized as the leader in all aspects of life.
- Long term support for less fortunate families, widows, and orphans.
- Make IACC less dependent on donations.
- Improve the existing social network to support Muslims and the community at large during the pandemic and continue serving the community in the future.
- Start a program for interest free loans for college education

You should choose me as Ameer because:

- My ability to work with others at different levels, Masha Allah.
- Alhamdulillah, my successful business, and professional career.
- My experience working within Masjid and other non-profit organizations.



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Manzur Mahmud

Assalamu Alikum Wa Rahmatullahi Wa Barkatuhu

About Me:

My name is Manzur Mahmud, and I have been a resident of Plano and part of the IACC community for 20 years. I am married and have two daughters and one son. By the Grace of Allah (SWT) I have a full-time job as an electrical engineer in Dallas area. Beside my full-time job and duties to my family, I engage myself in serving my community to the best of my ability. IACC is like my second home, and I plan to lead with the shura to make it one of the best Islamic centers in the country.



I feel the biggest issue facing the Muslim community is:

My objectives for IACC are as follows inshaAllah: -

- Improve and expand our existing youth programs
- Develop more programs for the sisters
- Maintain safe gradual re-opening of the masjid phase-by-phase
- Maintain a robust financial budget for IACC operations and projects
- Continue efforts of the previous shura to complete the Farmersville Muslim Cemetery
- Optimize and expand our current educational programs for all ages
- Explore the potential of a Muslim Senior Living Facility

IACC Experience:

- IACC Ameer (2006-2010, 2 terms)
- IACC Shura member (2002-2006, and 2018-2020, 6 terms)
- IACC Operations Manager (2014-2018, 2 terms)
- IACC Sunday School Teacher for 20 years
- Led the expansion of Multipurpose Hall, Library, Clinic, and Extended Parking Lot as part of IACC's Vision 2010
- Led various IACC Committees - Former IACC Clinic Volunteer
- Current student of IACC Ma'rifa Program (Taqwa Seminary)

Other Experience:

- Former Board Member of non-profit NABIC (North American Bangladeshi Islamic Community)
- Advisor/Volunteer of non-profit Sabrina Memorial Foundation
- Advisor/Volunteer BDI (Bangladeshi Diversity Initiative) and MEI (Muslim Employees Initiative at Texas Instruments)
- Former captain of Texas Instruments Soccer team

IACC is a facility for everyone. Despite our differences, we are blessed with a diverse community, and with the grace and mercy of Allah (SWT), we can all cooperate to improve IACC together. We plan to provide an excellent customer service to our community members. With my experience, leadership, and fellow Shura members, I hope to lead our community to new heights Insha-Allah

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Maruf Hossain, PhD

Electrical Engineer, Owner of Fame Computers

About me:

Introduction I am an electrical engineer, operating an IT company in Plano, Texas. I moved to Plano, about 7 years ago from Missouri. My wife and I are blessed with a son and a daughter by the Mercy of The Almighty. My affection to serve the community drove me to run for the IACC Shura in this election.

Experience and Accomplishments:

- Present IACC shura member
- Serving as an active volunteer for last 6 years at IACC
- Served as the chairman of election commission at Islamic Center of Central Missouri and as a board member of Islamic School of Central Missouri
- Participated in building the new Masjid in Fayetteville, Arkansas and was the president of the Bangladesh Student Association, and the secretary of MSA of University of Arkansas

Vision and achievements:

While I achieved few of my goals in the present shura term, I would like to achieve some additional goals in the upcoming term. One of the goals that was achieved in the present term is sports activities for all. We were able to arrange several youth/men's basketball tournaments, Men's and sister's badminton tournaments, men's table tennis and volleyball tournaments. First time IACC started girls Taekwondo training class. Another achievement was to manage IACC IT and network infrastructure properly. Achievement in other area is to implement IACC discount policy and proper utilization of scholarship/financial aid funds. In the last 2 years we were able to add many new volunteers through the volunteer onboarding committee.

My long-term vision is:

To make IACC a community-oriented and peaceful place, where individuals will practice to be role models for the society. A center that is equipped with advanced technology in every section. Every person, from child to senior citizen will feel attracted to come to our center. Interfaith programs will build the bridge among people of different faiths to spread unity throughout the bigger community.

Why should you choose me as your Shura Member:

You should choose me as your Shura Member because I have been a volunteer at this Masjid for several years. With my previous experiences and achievements and with the support of my fellow Muslim brothers and sisters, and most importantly, with the help of THE ALMIGHTY, I believe that I will be able to serve this community better by resolving different issues in my second term as a shura member.

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Md Burhanul Islam

Assalamu Walaikum Brothers and Sisters of IACC Masjid community,

About Me:

My name is Md Burhanul Islam, we are 4 of A HAPPY FAMILY. I have 2 sons older one is Medical Doctor and working in Nassau County Hospital in NY and younger one is Manager of Financial Planning & Analysis of BSEC living in Minneapolis. We were living in Minneapolis almost 18 years. I was working with UHC more than 12 years as Analyst in Data Resource and had layoff on last October 2019 after that I did not joined for any job.

Other Experience:

I was founder member and involved with AlAmaan Center at Minneapolis, volunteering with them from their birth. We worked hard to raise fund to stablish that center from rental to own. Now they own 2 multistoried building. I was closely working with founder Imam Sheikh Jamal Ben Ameur and founder members. I was taking care of operation and maintenance of Al-Amaan Masjid and Building till I moved to Plano TX.

Experience and Accomplishments:

I moved to Hunters Glen Apartment complex, Plano TX in 2017 only after seeing this wonderful IACC masjid where I can pray my daily salah within walking distance from home. Almighty Allah (SWT) accepted my dua. From the first day after moving, my intension is to serve the house of Allah (SWT) and I started volunteering all areas that needed (from holding donation box to count money to collect money from donation box to fix chairs for older musollies to clean Udoh area, setup Sunday school). After shura election in 2018, I became Operation Manager for Operation Committee and member in Member committee and sports committee. Being manager for operation I have reorganized Sunday school setup/breakup, organized special program and events in Masjid take care for the supply of daily operation needs. Fixing outside lightings and inside lightings. Organizing different tournaments in Masjid Gym.

Why should you choose me as your Shura Member:

I am a team player and like to work as a team with the coming shura body. I like to interact with community people and always willing to assist and help them. I am ready to volunteer in any area that needed with the cooperation of sura body, from fund rising, cleanness of masjid to building Muslim community. Masjid need lots of volunteer to run in every areas of work and my request to our community members to participate and volunteer when and wherever masjid needs. Last of all thanks to our senior Br. Afzalur Rahman (Bhola Vhai) for nominating me for shura.



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Mulham Orfaly

About Me:

Asalamu Alykom Warahmatu Allah Wabarakatuho

My name is Mulham Orfaly. I have been a part of this community since 2009.

I work in a large Retirement Community in Dallas area and have been with Erickson Living as a Senior Information Technology Manager for the past 11 years.

OBJECTIVES

What you plan to do

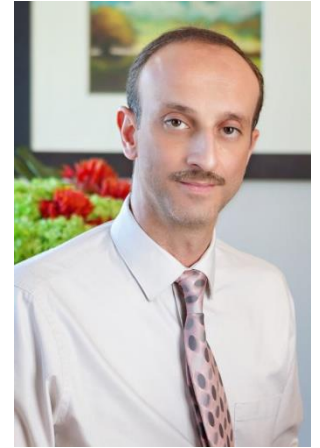
- Re opening our Masjid completely with all our pre COVID Programs to the public
- Carry forward and enhance all the good work the previous Shura did
- Help the masjid in whatever capacity is needed How you plan to do
- Consistent review of all local rules and regulations to protect the Servants of Allah
- Use the new Technology means to deliver these programs to IACC Members
- Plan more consistent educational, spiritual and engaging programs for youth
- Increase security to protect our Musalees, employees, and Volunteers

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- IACC Library Team – Book fairs and introducing e-learning
- IACC Sunday School Teacher/ Lead Teacher – Teaching Seerah for Ninth Graders
- IACC Operation Team Lead – Working with my team to establish a well-maintained daily operation in IACC
- IACC Technology AV Expert – Deploying the new Sound system in the new Sisters area, also upgrading, and maintaining existing AV System in the whole Masjid. • IACC Security Volunteer – recommending new ways to secure our masjid

EXPERIENCE

- Technology Audio, Video
- I was a board member of other nonprofit organizations in the US
- Blessed to be a part of the growth of IACC



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Naaserden Chang

As-salamu Alikum Wa Rahmutullahi Wa Barakatuh

About Me:

Inshallah, my family and I are humbled to have an opportunity to serve our beautiful community. Alhumdullillah, our family had resided in Plano for over 33 years and we are privileged to be a part IACC's growth. Undeniably, the entire world is facing Covid19 challenges and has affected all our lives.

If elected as your Shura member, we must continue to focus on the health and safety of every community member but without sacrificing our deen. I know we all miss attending our prayers and programs in our blessed Masjid. But, with the current situation, we will have to improve the effectiveness in educating and supporting our community.

Inshallah, we can take advantage of our current situation by bringing knowledge from anywhere in the "world". It does not matter if a prominent Sheikh resides in Turkey, Middle East, United Kingdom, China, or United States, we can bring their knowledge into our home/life through proven technologies. We need to focus on enriching our Youth, Sister and Family programs. We must do our best to help replace the emotional and Islamic knowledge void through Masjid activities.

Inshallah, IACC will lead the community through these difficult times and regain as the "role model" organization for others to benefit.

Jazak Allah Khair Wa-salaam



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Shumsur Rahman

About Me: I have been living in Plano community for approximately 15 years with my wife, 2 daughters and son. Al-Hamdulillah I have a full time Job in Sherman, Texas. Looking after my family is my first priority. Beyond that, I do spend some time in community services daily.



To me, it is Imam's responsibility to use his knowledge and experience to lead the community with religious affairs. At the same time, IACC is an organization that runs an operation which is not much different from what we are tasked to do as an employee at work. Just like any corporate office, IACC has a budget to go by, a group of employee to maintain, local law and order to follow and above all, obligated to provide an excellent customer service to the people who visits the mosque.

I believe the primary responsibility of a member of Shura is to effectively and efficiently lead the above-mentioned activities. I believe, from my experience at work and from my involvement in community services, given the opportunity, I will in-Sha-Allah be able to fulfill these responsibilities.

It is irrelevant whether I get elected or not. What is important is that, each and every one of us, whether we are a member of Shura or a general member of the community, we will use lessons learned from our past mistakes as well as successes and we will have a vision to move forward together in-Sha-Allah. May Allah help us.

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Talha Mohammed

Job Title/Profession: College Student

IACC community member for over 15 years

About Me:

- Born and raised in Plano, TX. Family has been living here for over 20 years
- Graduated from IACC Hifz and Suhba Program
- Working toward a BS in Computer Science
- Actively involved in IACC youth programs

- Served on IACC youth, college, and sports committee
- Organized and maintained Plano Masjid Basketball League



I feel the biggest issue facing the Muslim community is:

- Spiritual Disconnection
- Mental Health
- Drug Usage/Addiction
- Dysfunctional Families
- Societal Temptations
- Masjid becoming irrelevant to youth/young adults

My short-term vision for IACC:

- Encourage and develop more Youth based programs
- Empower the youth to be able to lead and guide themselves and others around them
- Offer career and life skill development for students looking to better themselves for their futures
- Use sports and other avenues to attract youth to the Masjid and become a part of a community in which they can better themselves
- New innovative and engaging events besides just "Lectures"
- Create new ways to serve the community and its people in need

My long-term vision for IACC:

- Inspire the love of Allah and His Messenger to the youth instead of just drilling in the "Halal & Harams"
- Install a post-Hifz program so Huffaz can stay attached to their Quran, the masjid, and other Huffaz in the community
- Ensure the future youth can experience the same love and connection to the Masjid, as I was blessed enough to experience
- Establish the Masjid as an integral part of the wider society

You should choose me as Shura Member because:

- We need a youth voice in our masjid's leadership



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Zeba Syed

Job Title/Profession: Senior Software Engineer (IT Professional)

IACC community member for over 25 years

About Me: I'm married, a mother of 2 college-aged children, and been associated with IACC since its inception. My family was part of a group of Muslims who established a musallah in Plano and later our current mosque.

- Serving on IACC Shura for the 2019-2020 term.
- Serving as Shura Liaison for 5 IACC Committees (Events, Sisters', Social Services, Seniors' Society, Matrimonial)
- Established IACC Sakeena Services in 2019, which offers various types of professional counseling, pastoral care, and support groups to community members.
- Formed the IACC Matrimonial Committee/Matrimonial Database in 2014 which created a forum for matrimonial networking within IACC.



I feel the biggest issue facing the Muslim community is:

The Muslim community is disunited locally and globally. I believe in diversity amongst individuals and am a strong proponent of "think global and act local;" however, we

must unite on certain issues. I want to work locally with all Collin County Masajids to adopt a plan to consolidate on certain key issues, which is a difficult but not impossible task.

My short-term vision for IACC:

- Holistic Wellness – Develop a 360 Holistic Wellness Program for Seniors, Adults, Youth, and individuals with special needs
- Counseling and social services – to enhance counseling and support services across the board for youth, adults, and seniors
- Education/Youth Leadership – invigorate overall Islamic education program and youth activities
- Civic engagement – increase engagement with neighbors and relate to them as regular faith-based Americans; form alliances with all faith groups

My long-term vision for IACC:

- Establish permanent Endowment Waqaf
- Establish IACC as nodal masjid in Collin County that leads other organizations in defining Muslim agenda/initiatives and in establishing newer institutions as centers of excellence in education and social services
- Establish curriculum in Islamic Studies that can be offered in local universities

You should choose me as your Shura Member because:

- I believe my strong technical, social, and interpersonal skills allow me to work well with others and respect their individualized ideas and values alhamdulillah.
- I will aim to implement the ideas/plans that were put on hold in 2020 due to Covid-19 limitations/restrictions.
- I look forward to dedicating my time and talents in carrying forward the pending ideas/plans to take IACC to the next level as an IACC Shura member inshallah if given an opportunity.

