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In the Name of Allah, Most Beneficent, Most Merciful



Muslim Association of
Puget Sound

... An Introduction

Agenda



- Vision of MAPS
- Our Guiding Principles
- Why MAPS?
- Governance and Organization Structure
- Accomplishments To-Date
- 12-Month Action Plan
- Call to Action

Vision of MAPS



- Build an active and vibrant Muslim community on the Eastside
 - Cater to the needs of the entire spectrum of local Muslims
 - Establish an Islamic Community Center
 - Islamic religious, educational, social and cultural services
 - Educate non-Muslims about Islam and Muslims
 - Promote friendly relations with people of other faiths
 - Be the voice of Muslims in local media

Types of Activities



**Congregational
Prayers and Services**

**Educational Programs
(Adult and Children)**

**Community News &
Announcements**

Sisters' Programs

Funeral Services

Matrimonial Services

Youth Programs & Sports

Family Counseling

Da'wah & Outreach

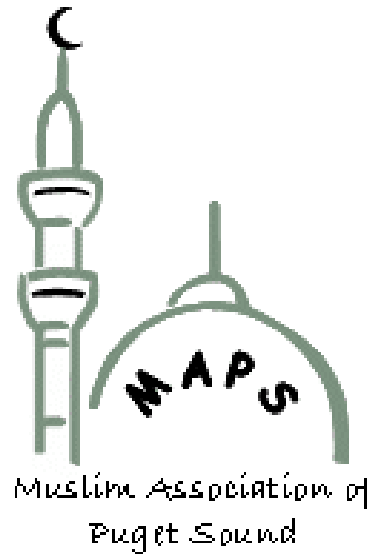
Media Engagement

Match Making

Legal Counseling

Socio-Cultural Events

**Financial Assistance
(Zakat/Sadaqa)**



Our Guiding Principles



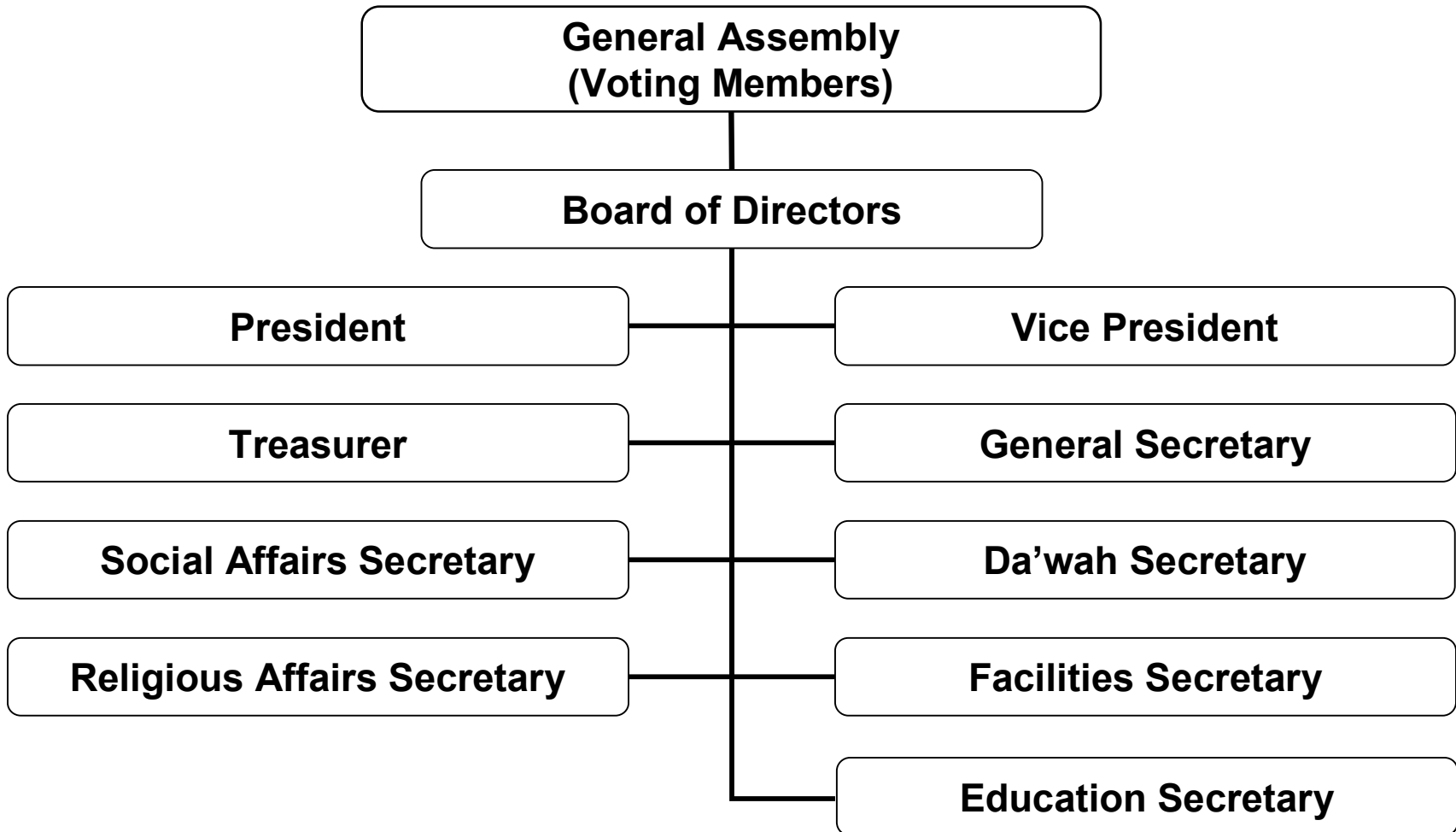
- Qur'an and Sunnah as understood by the companions of the Prophet (saw)
- Shoora – consultation with the community
- Accountability and transparency
 - Elected body of Board of Directors
 - Women's representation in Board of Directors
 - Renewal of mandate every 2 years
 - Minutes of the board meetings published
 - Transparency in financial reporting
 - All major decisions done with input from General Assembly

Governance (Bylaws)



- General assembly
- Regular and voting members
- Board of directors elected by voting members for a 2-year term
- General assembly meeting at least twice a year
- Elections supervised by an independent election committee

Organizational Structure



BoDs' Responsibilities



- Accountable to Allah (swt) first and then to the general assembly
- Safeguard integrity of organization
- Conduct activities in conformance with the goals of the organization
- Provide policy guidance and execute programs & activities
- Manage finances (including budgets)
- Provide long term planning
- Appoint a qualified and capable Imam

Initial Board of Directors



- Hyder Ali
- Suhail Syed
- Mahmood Khadeer
- Dawood Ahmed
- Kabir Jeddy
- Khaled Abdul-Motagaly
- 1 woman member to be added
- First elections to be held in Oct 2007

Why MAPS?



- MAPS complements existing organizations
- We do not negate other approaches to running an Islamic Center
 - Intend to foster good relationship with other Muslim organizations
- We believe in engaging our youth, encourage women's participation and involve the entire family
- We want to demonstrate leadership, accountability and transparency
- We want to create a platform for everyone to pursue their passion and leverage their talents

Accomplishments To-Date



- Conducted a 2-day successful Seerah Conference in April '06 (250+ attendees each day)
- Da'wah event for people of all faiths in April '06
- Met with ICOR, ICOE and SMA to communicate our plans
- MAPS registered as a charitable organization in the state of WA
- Launched website (www.mapsredmond.org)
- Broadly solicited input for the Bylaws
 - Initial Bylaws approved by the board
- IRS 501(c)(3) designation is in works
- MAPS launch event today

12-Month Action Plan



Create an infrastructure

1. Build a membership base (goal of 200 members by Oct 2007)
2. Establish an Islamic Community Center
3. Appoint a qualified and capable Imam

Building a community

4. Monthly potluck dinner last Saturday of each month (starting July '06)
5. A family summer camp

Outreach

6. Establish a voice of Muslims in local media

Call to Action

- Become a member today!
- Become a volunteer
- Join our mailing list
mapsredmond@yahoogroups.com
- Send your comments to
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We ask Allah (swt) to help us in this effort.
Ameen!

Q & A

