

## **Minutes of April 10, 2005 Emergency Interim Board meeting**

The emergency meeting of the Interim Board of Directors of CSEIA- Ottawa was held in University of Ottawa, CBY lounge from 7:00 PM to 9:15 PM on the request of Mr. Nouraeyan with the following members present:

**Present:** Bahram Zahir, Behnam Shadravan, Houri Mashayekh, Rashid Nikzad, Abdol Nouraeyan, Sareh Taebi, Sara Alavi, Bahram Zarggar, Shahram Zahirazami

The topic of emergency gathering was the evaluation of April 09, 2005 CSIEA event and the lecture given by Dr. Astaneh:

- Mr. Nouraeyan pointed out his view on the political and religious essence of Dr. Astaneh's second lecture and that his presentation served a certain government's political agenda and that we gave him the opportunity to cross the line and use our tribune to promote a political viewpoint which is fundamentally opposite to what CSIEA was established for.
- Couple of the board members shared Mr. Nouraeyan point of view and a few agreed with some part of his concerns. However, there was no general consent on Mr. Nouraeyan point of view by all members. Subsequently and after long discussions, the Board agreed and approved the following motions:
  1. Sending an email to all CSIEA members/ mailing list notifying them that the contents of Dr. Astaneh's speech do not reflect CSIEA's points of view.
  2. Placing an announcement on the CSIEA website stating that any lecturer's potential religious/political views that might be interpreted from the speaker's talks would not be the responsibility of CSIEA.
  3. It was also decided to put more emphasize in notifying the future invited speakers about the non political and non religious character of CSIEA and the fact that his/her lecture should solely cover scientific issues without any political/religious agenda.