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**Final Report of ISS Board of Directors**  
**March 2007 – February 2008**

The ISS Board was elected on March 2, 2007. The following are the major achievements and accomplishments during the ending term (March 2007- February 08):

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <i>On Friday April 27, Mr. Roger McMillian, Honorable Mayor of Stillwater proclaimed each Friday as “Islamic Awareness Day” in the city of Stillwater.</i></li></ul>   |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <i>Starting Summer 2007, the OSU English Language Institute (ELI) has responded to ISS appeal, and changed the time of the lunch hour on Fridays to take place between 12:30 PM and 2:30 PM in order to accommodate the time for the Weekly congregation prayer (Juma’h), which takes place between 1:35 PM and 2:15 PM.</i></li></ul> |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Recitation of the Holy Quran was Alhumdulillah completed during the Blessed month of Ramadan. May Allah (SWT) accept our prayers. Ameen.</b></li></ul>  |

The rest of this report has been categorized into the following major categories. Details on each of these categories are provided.

- I. Fund-Raising and General Donations**
- II. Masjid Project-related Work**
- III. Property Maintenance/Management**
- IV. Dawa’h Activities**
- V. Social and Sports**
- VI. Cultural Activities**
- VII. Cooperative Fund Activities**
- VIII. Arabic School/Education**

The complete report and the financial statement were presented and approved by the ISS General Assembly during the meeting of Friday, February 15, 2008. May Allah accept and reward every sincere Muslim.

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**ISS Board of Directors- February 15, 2008**

## **I. Fund-Raising and General Donations**

1. Five different ways were offered to the community for donations (New Masjid project, Zakat, General Activities, Muslim Cooperative Fund and Dawah Fund).
2. Several Masajid were visited for raising funds for the New Masjid Project in Stillwater.
3. The ISS fund-raising committee reached Muslim communities in the following cities in 2007: Wichita, Omaha, Dallas, Richardson, Houston, Oklahoma City, Tulsa, Edmond, Norman, Galveston and other cities.
4. The construction of the official ISS website was completed and Alhumdulillah the new website was successfully launched on March 30, 2007. There are secure electronic ways of donations available on the website. Alhumdulillah, this facility was made available for the first time in 2007. In addition, the mosque can process credit card transactions through its own credit card machine.
5. Weekly contributions were also received from the local community through Friday fund-raising lunches.
6. Game-day parking was also used to collect funds for the Masjid.

We would like to thank all the brothers, sisters, and kids who with the help of Allah (SWT), contributed in any way toward this fund-raising effort.

## **II. Masjid Project-related Work**

1. The task of applying for the permit for the new Islamic Center was initiated.
2. The taxes for 2006 were filed with the assistance of a local Certified Public Accountant
3. The Masjid has applied to get the 501-C certification. This is the application for recognition as a Non-Profit, non-political religious organization as per the Internal Revenue Service guidelines.

## **III. Property Maintenance/Management**

1. Regular maintenance on all Masjid's property including heating and air-conditioning systems were carried out.
2. Regular cleaning and house-keeping for the Masjid (both inside and outside) were carried out.
3. Carpet cleaning for the Masjid and Dar-es-Siddiq was conducted several times in the year.
4. New stove for Dar-es-Siddiq was installed (donated).

5. Dar-es-Siddiq was remodeled for the purpose of accommodating increasing numbers in the community. In this regard, we thank Dr. Fakhruddin from Oklahoma City community for his exceptional efforts to voluntarily organize and conduct this important task of remodeling Dar-es Siddiq.
6. Site-preparation for Phase-I of the Masjid project was carried out on the first day of new Hijri year. This consisted of removing an attached apartment (907 W. Cantwell) and surrounding trees. The other dying trees were also uprooted and removed from the site and the ground was leveled.
7. Two window air-conditioning units were installed in the Dawa'h room and Masjid office.
8. Maintenance for the rental property were made including installation of new water heater and stove.
9. New blinds and ceiling fans were installed in the praying area of the Masjid and in the Dar-es-Siddiq.
10. Landscaping for the front area of the Masjid was done in the summer of 2007 to enhance the appearance of the property.
11. Relocation of the playground was done as per the site-plan.
12. A new look was done for the Masjid entrance by carpeting it and placing fragrant flowers, etc. in the entrance area and outside the Masjid.

#### **IV. Dawa'h Activities**

1. Islam 101 classes continued to be held in Stillwater regularly.
2. An Open House event was organized at the ISS facilities on April 22, 2007. This consisted of live presentations about Islam, videos on different Islamic topics, Discover Islam posters were displayed, and food and refreshments were served. Stillwater Mayor gave the opening remarks to the visitors of the open house.
3. Participated in a conference titled "Young Global Leaders Summit-The Future of Western-Muslim World Relations". Sweets were provided to more than 150 participants and copies of the Quran translation as well as other brochures were offered. Invitation was extended to the participants to visit the Masjid.
4. Several OSU/NOC classes requested for a visit to the Masjid and presentation about Islam through the year. Therefore, they were given a tour of the Masjid, presentation about Islam was conducted and food and refreshments were served.
5. Eleven Hundred copies of the English Translation of the Quran were acquired by the Masjid.
6. Several guest speakers were hosted through the year. This resulted in guest speeches and other Dawa'h related activities.

7. Several articles appeared in the local press with the goal of informing the public about Islam and clear misconceptions.
8. ISS participated in the "Lights on Stillwater" event at the beginning of the school year. Copies of the Quran, sweets and other materials were distributed to the general public.

#### **V. Social and Sports**

1. Daily Iftar was provided for the community in the month of Ramadhan. Dinner was provided for five days per week (Monday-Friday) during the holy month of Ramadhan.
2. Community-wide dinners were provided on the Eid-ul-Fitr, Arafat/Eid-ul-Adha and Ashura.
3. The Masjid organized Aqeeqa for several families through out the year.
4. Eid-ul-Fitr was celebrated and moon-walk and horse-rides were provided for the Muslim community.
5. Several picnics were organized at different occasions and locations for the whole community through the year.

#### **VI. Cultural Activities**

1. Alhumdulillah, this Ramadan (2007) marked the first occasion in recent history of ISS Masjid where **Khatam-ul-Quran** was achieved. This was a great blessing for all of us that we were able to achieve this goal. We would like to thank the brothers who led the Ramadan prayers (Taraweeh and Qiyam-ul-layl) and with the help of Allah (SWT) made it possible to achieve this great goal.
2. Three lecture series were started which comprised of Hadith narration, Day of Judgment and Seerah of prophet Mohammad (SAWS) were initiated and are being continued in 2008.

#### **VII. Cooperative Fund Activities**

Cooperative funds were used to provide assistance for several needy families.

#### **VIII. Arabic School/Education**

1. Summer Quranic lessons were held for kids. There were 17 students enrolled in these classes. Alhumdulillah, seven kids were able to memorize the complete 30<sup>th</sup> chapter or Juz' Amma.
2. An arrangement was made with OSU Family Resource Center (FRC) to conduct Arabic Language classes.

The ISS board thanks all the brothers and sisters, who by the help of ALLAH (SWT), made the above activities possible. We pray to Allah (SWT) to reward all the brothers and sisters for their sincere efforts.