



# *American Lebanese Engineering Society*

<http://www.ales-usa.com/>

## **ALES Boston-Chapter Board Meeting**

**When:** Thursday, September 01, 2005, at 6:30 PM

**Where:** Karoun Restaurant, 839 Washington Street, Newton MA

**Attendants:** David Abichaker \_\_\_\_\_ Michel Hajjar \_\_\_\_\_

Nabil Hourani \_\_\_\_\_ Hani Al-Dayaa \_\_\_\_\_

Jean Audi \_\_\_\_\_ Salim Ayas \_\_\_\_\_

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### **AGENDA:**

1. Welcome!
  - a. Introduction
    - First meeting of the new ALES Boston-chapter board...
  - b. Summary of Current Status
    - A prominent American-Lebanese organization in the Boston area.
    - Close to a hundred members and hundreds of friends and supporters.
    - A wide network with prominent Lebanese individuals and organizations in the USA and Lebanon.
    - Memberships need to be up to date.
2. ALES Memberships
  - a. Database, Applications, and Fees
    - Will send membership letters and applications this month (in September) to current members asking them to renew their memberships, update their information, and send the yearly fees.
  - b. Can people living in Lebanon become members (e.g. Reine Mori)?
    - Yes.
3. ALES Website

- a. Forums. Etc.
  - New website ([www.ales-usa.com](http://www.ales-usa.com)) had been launched, with discussion forums and a number of interactive features. The website will be updated with more information (announcements, activities, etc.) regularly. Hani A. is managing the website.
  - Board will further discuss adding engineering-related advertisements (sponsorships) on the website and take a decision in the next board meeting.
- b. Should we use LinkedIn ([www.linkedin.com](http://www.linkedin.com))?
  - LinkedIn is a powerful service that ALES can use to connect its different members and their friends and colleagues.
  - David A. will look into setting up a LinkedIn account for ALES. Members and friends will be informed when the account is setup and ready.
4. ALES Boston-Chapter Annual Party
  - a. When? Where? Invitations. Etc.
    - Michel H. is taking care of the reservation. The date is set to Saturday February 04, 2006. More details about the party location, time, reservations, etc. will be communicated to the members and friends in the near future.
    - The different party-preparation tasks (tickets, flyers, etc.) will be managed among the different board members. Members who like to help are more than welcome to contact us for this matter.
5. ALES Boston-Chapter Scholarships
  - a. Donors? Etc.
    - Members of the board will contact a number of people concerning scholarship donations.
    - Scholarship applications will be ready and posted on the website in the near future.
6. ALES Boston-Chapter Member Meetings
  - a. When? Where? How many times a year? Etc.
    - Members will be invited to a number of board meetings throughout the year to be involved in the Boston-chapter decision making and stay closely informed.
7. Student Relations
  - Camil J. is contacting student organizations in a number of universities in the Boston area to organize and widen the network between ALES and the student bodies.
8. Public Relations
  - a. Publio Magazine (<http://www.publio.com/> - Imad Atalla)

- b. Cedar News (<http://www.cedars1.com/> - George)
- c. Profile News (<http://www.profilenews.com/> - Ibrahim Tannous)
  - Connect with alumni organizations of AUB, University of Balamand, etc. in the Boston area.

9. Other Activities

- a. Engineering Talks and Presentations
  - ALES will setup engineering talks, seminars, presentations, etc. throughout the year. Members and friends will be informed before such activities take place.
- b. Career Fairs
  - There is a strong will to help students in their career search and provide them with consultation on how to prepare for interviews, career fairs. More discussions about this matter will take place.
- c. Etc.

10. Miscellaneous Topics

- a. Board Meetings (First Thursday of each month? Location(s)? Etc.)
  - The board meetings will be on the first Wednesday of each month
- b. Etc.





