

Board of Directors & Staff Biographies 2004
Council on American-Islamic Relations of Seattle, WA

Ibrahim Mohamed, Chairman of CAIR-Seattle Board

Ibrahim Mohamed graduated from Wright State University in Dayton, Ohio with a B.S. in Electrical Engineering (1982) and an M.S. in Electrical Engineering (1984). In 2000, he received an Executive MBA from the University of Washington.

Ibrahim has 12 years of management experience both in the public and private sectors. He has managed large organizations (more than 50 employees) as well as small organizations (5-10 employees). He is a senior member status on national professional organizations (e.g., IEEE). Ibrahim is currently the chairman of a national Muslim relief organization (HOPE International Relief and Development Agency) and is on the Board of the Downtown Muslim Association (Seattle, WA). Additionally, he has served as President of the Islamic Center of Seattle, as a member of the Board of Trustees of the Idris Mosque (Northgate Mosque, Seattle, WA) and also as president of the Islamic Center of Dayton, Ohio.

Ibrahim exclusively volunteers his time and has no family or business relation to any other member of the board, or employees of CAIR-Seattle.

Samia El-Moslimany, Vice-chairman of CAIR-Seattle Board

Samia El-Moslimany is a Seattle native. In addition to Seattle, she has lived in Kuwait, Dhahran and Jeddah, Saudi Arabia. Samia received her Bachelor of Arts from the University of Washington in Film Making and Television Production and her Master's Degree in Education, in the uses of film as an educational tool.

Samia has photographed professionally for the last seventeen years, and is the managing owner, of one of Arabia's leading portrait studios in Jeddah, Saudi Arabia. Samia has written and photographed for national and international magazines, newspapers and wire services. Samia has spoken on the topics of media, photography, the Middle East, Islam and Arabs at more than 30 speaking engagements in the United States and abroad.

Over the last thirty years Samia's volunteer involvement with the Seattle Muslim community included working with youth, social and educational organizations and programs. During her years in Saudi Arabia, Samia served on the Board of Directors of The American Ladies of Jeddah and organized activities and programs for Jeddah orphans.

Since returning to Seattle permanently in June of 2002, Samia continues to speak to organizations about Islam, civil rights and interfaith relations. In addition she serves as the vice chair of the board of directors of CAIR-Seattle (Council on American Islamic Relations) and as a member of the steering committee of Together We Build, a Seattle interfaith coalition working with Habitat for Humanity.

Samia's history of activism, volunteerism and commitment to working for social causes qualifies her membership on the Board of Directors of CAIR-Seattle. Her experience in running her own business of 23 employees for seventeen years, her volunteer leadership positions and the votes of confidence of her fellow CAIR-Seattle board members qualify her for her position as vice chairman of the board.

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Naseem Tuffaha, Director on CAIR-Seattle Board

Naseem Tuffaha is an American-born Muslim of Palestinian origin. He graduated from Harvard University in 1994 and then moved to Seattle to work for Microsoft. In 2000, he left Microsoft to co-found a software company.

Naseem's involvement in advocacy organizations dates back to high school when he volunteered at the Boston-based Middle East Justice Network. While in college, he also founded the campus chapter of ADC and, in 1998, helped revive the Seattle chapter of ADC. Naseem was elected as ADC Seattle Chapter Director in 2002.

Naseem has experience in public speaking, electoral participation, fundraising, media relations and grassroots activism.

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Mubarak Elamin, Secretary of CAIR-Seattle Board

Mubarak Elamin is an American Muslim of Sudanese origin. He graduated from City University in 2000 with a Masters in Computer Science. He joined Microsoft in the year 2000 and works ~~there~~ presently.

Mubarak's involvement in community and advocacy organizations dates back to his college days during which he served as the Secretary of the Political Science Student Association (PSSA). He also served as President of PSSA for two terms.

Mubarak also lived in Japan from 1993 to 1998 during which he studied Japanese language. Additionally, he founded and served as President of an organization called Sumida International Club (SIC) that served as a cultural bridge between local and foreign residents of Tokyo. SIC helped foreign residents integrate in the community and helped them overcome language and cultural barriers. It also helped foreigners with health insurance and other daily life issues.

Mubarak is a grassroots activist who has very strong leadership and organizational skills.

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Rami Al-Kabra, Treasurer of CAIR-Seattle Board

Rami Al-Kabra graduated from the University of Kentucky with a Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering. He is currently working as a software test engineer in a startup software company located in Seattle, WA. Rami is also an active member of the Seattle Arab and Muslim communities. Some of the activities that he is involved in are: volunteer organizer for the Islamic Quiz whose goal is "to encourage the youths of the Northwest to learn more about Islam"; advisor for the regional Muslim Student Association (MSA); member of a community "Task Force" to work with the Seattle Police Department and the Mayor; and member of a local mosque's executive committee. Additionally, Rami was a part of a Palestine relief effort (started by a group of local Palestinians) which includes family and orphan sponsorship and medical aid.

Rami is interested in the establishment of a CAIR chapter in the area because of the tremendous impact the chapter will have in uniting the Muslim community in Washington, in general, and Seattle, in particular. A CAIR chapter in the area will allow the Muslim community to convey a unified message to the public including government officials as well as the media.

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Rizwan Nasar, Director on CAIR-Seattle Board

Rizwan Nasar received a Bachelor in Business from the University of Karachi, Pakistan (1987). He also has a Bachelor of Arts in Advertising (1988) and a Masters of Arts in Advertising (1989) from Michigan State University.

Rizwan currently works as a marketing-communications consultant. He has worked for Coca-Cola, Nestle, Motorola and Microsoft. He is involved with the Muslim community especially the Pakistani-American community in the Greater Seattle Area.

He is a member of several interfaith groups like the Children of Abraham and Together We Build. He was an active member of the MSA at Michigan State University and was also an elected member of student body government Associated Students of Michigan State University (ASMSU). He lives in Redmond, WA with his wife, who is a teacher, and his 11-year old daughter. Rizwan enjoys music, videos, the outdoors and cooking. Currently he is working on a cookbook & televised cooking show titled "Passionately Cooking Pakistani".

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Imran Rafiq, Director on CAIR-Seattle Board

Imran Rafiq is the CEO of a software company MBBCN, Inc. that he co-founded in 1999. He has worked on all software development and has worked at several fortunes 500 companies including Amgen, and T-Mobile.

Mr. Rafiq holds a bachelor's degree in MIS and has lived in different parts of the world and has done mentoring and other community work since he was 12. His active involvement is with MSA, Islamic Society of North America (ISNA), Islamic Circle of North America (ICNA), Council on American Islamic Relations (CAIR) & Muslim American Society (MAS) and he is a founding Shura Member of Young Muslims USA. He was an active Boy Scout and received the Eagle Scout award from the President of Pakistan in 1984.

He and his wife, Saima, have two daughters, Misbah and Hibah.

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Hany Elkordy, Director on CAIR-Seattle Board

Hany Elkordy works for Boeing Commercial Airplanes in Renton, WA. As the eSCM Program Leader, Hany is responsible for developing and deploying e-enabled supply chain solutions across the Commercial Airplanes business unit. Prior to this assignment, Hany held various operational positions in Manufacturing, Logistics, Finance, Supply Chain, e-Business and Engineering. He has also served on the

management Advisory Board for Engineering Labor Negotiations. He supports various community organizations, serving as a member of the board at the Islamic School of Seattle and is Vice-Chairman of the Nile Association of Seattle.

Hany spent his early upbringing in the United Arab Emirates and immigrated to the United States with his parents. A native of Cairo, Egypt, Hany graduated from North Carolina State University with a BS degree in Electrical Engineering and a Masters in Operations Research. He enjoys outdoor activities, computing technology, reading and travel.

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Michaela Corning, Managing Director

Michaela Corning graduated from the University of Washington in 1997 with a Double Degree. Michaela holds a Bachelor of Arts in Spanish and a Bachelor of Arts in Romance Language & Linguistics. She also teaches religious studies to Muslim women in the greater Seattle area on a volunteer basis. Michaela is currently pursuing her MBA with a concentration in Global Management with an anticipated graduation date of June 2004.

Currently, Michaela works as the manager for the Seattle chapter of a national nonprofit civil rights organization called Council on American-Islamic Relations (CAIR). She manages daily operations, fundraising, voter registration initiatives, community relations, media correspondence, etc. Previous to her current position with CAIR, Michaela worked in the wireless sector of the telecommunications industry in various fields such as sales, project management and customer service dealing primarily with foreign customers and markets.

In addition to these two career paths, Michaela has also worked with various businesses within the Muslim communities. She sold advertisement space for both Azizah Magazine and The JEI Directory. Michaela has also served as an editor on educational publications for Transcultural Education Center, which strives to educate people in various US industries on religious and ethnic diversities. Michaela was also invited and served on a focus group for editorial review of a new fictional novel published by Al-Walaa Publishers that seeks to explore real American Muslim issues. Lastly, she also owns a small business selling retail clothing and other goods from the Middle East and Asia to Muslims living here in the US. This has enabled Michaela to gain useful insight into the Muslim community while fulfilling an important need.

Michaela has no family or business relation to any other member of the board, or employees of CAIR-Seattle outside her current "at-will" employment contract.