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**Assyrian American National Federation Announces
Newly Elected Executive Board Administration**

Scottsdale, Az- The Assyrian American National Federation was pleased to host it's 83rd Annual Convention at the Doubletree Resort in Scottsdale, Arizona from September 1st-5th, 2016.

Over 3,000 Assyrians from around the world attended this year's highly anticipated convention and enjoyed educational, cultural and athletic sporting events. A multitude of topics were discussed during the international youth summit, an educational program with a star-studded cast of PhDs and high academics who presented on a number of topics. Convention attendees joined educational panels, international policy discussions and workshops, where discussions on the issues that affect our Assyrian Community took place.

Members of Congress, Robert Dold IL- 10 and Trent Franks AZ-8 attended our 83rd Annual Convention events, which featured presenters of high academic standard. Our keynote speaker, Mr. Robert Nicholson, led the presidential banquet and we were thrilled to have Congressman, Trent Franks of Arizona present a speech as well. Congressman Franks discussed his goal to help protect the rights of the Assyrians and the Nineveh plains; he spoke highly of his will to help provide regions for the Assyrian people. Outgoing President of AANF, William Youmaran, graciously presented his final speech and confidently spoke about the abilities of the new administration.

This year's AANF Awards winners for Assyrian Man and Woman of the Year were granted to Assyrian Church of the East's Bishop of Syria His Grace Mar Aprim Nathniel and Juliana Taimorazzy of ICRC. Assyrian Mar Zaia organization of Chicago received the award for the Affiliate of the Year. Our Honorary Non-Assyrian Man of the Year was awarded to Mr. Robert Nicholson. Congressman, Trent Franks of Arizona was given a Presidential Award for his work and dedication to helping the Assyrian people. We were also delighted to acknowledge the media of our nation and recognized the Assyrians Around the World, Assyrian National Broadcasting, Voice from the East, Voice of Freedom, KBDG 90.9 FM Radio and SBS Radio.

President William Youmaran's administration has completed their duties as the AANF's board, respectfully. We cherish and honor the affiliates for providing another strong foundation. They've created the opportunity for the next generation of leaders to continue the efforts and successes, as we move forward with electing a new board and protecting the ongoing legacy.

We're pleased to announce the newly elected executive board, which consists of the youngest president and vice president in AANF history, along with holding an average of twenty-five years of age. President Martin Youmaran, Vice President Ashor Chamoun, Assistant to the President Zeena Tawfik, Treasurer Carolyn Odisho, Executive Secretary Shamiran Echi, Assyrian Secretary Rami Bahram and Assyrian Star Editor Joseph Hermiz.

The Assyrian American National Federation's newest generation of leaders are here, and with your support we will respectfully continue the legacy to ensure the AANF's stature will remain as the most prominent Assyrian organization in the United States.

Sincerely,

Martin Youmaran

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