



Join IABA or Renew your Membership

Upcoming Chapter Events

- 2. **January 8 (Los Angeles):** New California Bar Admittee Dinner
- 2. **January 10 (Washington, D.C.):** Presentation by Goli Ameri
- 3. **January 15 (San Diego):** Awards and fundraising dinner reception
- 4. **January 22 (Orange County):** Local elections and mixer

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WASHINGTON, D.C CHAPTER TO HOST GOLI AMERI

On January 10, 2008, the Washington D.C. Chapter for IABA will give host to Ms. Goli Ameri, Honorable U.S. Assistant Secretary of State. Ms. Ameri leads the Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs (ECA), which fosters mutual understanding between people across the world and has launched a new online video contest to promote its new social networking site (<http://connect.state.gov>). In 2004, Ms. Ameri was the Republican Party's nominee for Oregon's 1st congressional district, in a challenge to three-term incumbent Democrat David Wu, becoming one of the first Iranian-Americans to seek federal office.

Prior to joining the State Department, Assistant Secretary Ameri served as a Presidentially nominated Representative to the 60th Session of the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA). Before her UN mission in New York, she served as a Public Delegate to the 61st session of the United Nations Commission on Human Rights in Geneva, Switzerland.

Ms. Ameri will speak on *The Challenges of U.S. Public Diplomacy in the 21st Century: And New Opportunities in the Digital Age* at **3208 Q. St. N.W. Washington, DC 2009**. The program will begin at 7:30pm. Please RSVP by emailing rbabayi@venable.com by January 6, 2008.

CALL FOR CANDIDATES FOR 2009-10 IABA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

In February 2009, the Iranian American Bar Association (IABA) will be conducting its annual elections to vote in next year's National Board of Directors. In past years, distinguished members of the Iranian-American legal community have served as IABA officers and members of the IABA's Board of Directors and have upheld the highest level of professional integrity and excellence. In this past year alone, the National Board of Directors sponsored and/or facilitated numerous networking opportunities for IABA members and enabled both attorney and student members to contribute toward the advancement of the Iranian-American community at large.

Building on the IABA's achievements to date, and ensuring its

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continued growth as well as success in meeting the challenges ahead will first and foremost depend on your active involvement as members. We therefore encourage you to seriously consider running for the Board of Directors and look forward to your full participation in IABA's upcoming Membership Meeting.

If you are interested in running as a candidate for the 2009 Board of Directors, please contact Niki Moore by emailing her at nmoore@iaba.us **no later than February 1, 2009.**

IAAB CALL FOR PAPERS

Iranian Alliances Across Borders (IAAB) is pleased to announce The Fourth International Conference on the Iranian Diaspora, to take place April 4-5, 2009 at the University of California Berkeley's Pauley Ballroom.

IAAB is a non-partisan, non-profit organization that seeks to strengthen the Iranian diaspora community through programs that fulfill its threefold mission, in creating greater awareness of Iranian culture, promoting leadership especially among youth, and connecting Iranians across borders.

The conference aims to address both the accomplishments within the Iranian diaspora and the issues the community is currently facing. It seeks to unite multigenerational scholars, students, and members of the community to discuss the current state, accomplishments, and future of the Iranian diaspora community.

Extended abstracts of no more than 500 words should be submitted using the online submission form available at www.iranianalliances.org/conference. Please provide all of the contact details and biographical information requested. Abstracts without this information will not be considered. Please direct any questions regarding submissions to conference@iranianalliances.org.

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