



Nominee Identifier

Full Name: Nihmotullahi “Ni’mah” Adesalu

Role Nominated for: General Secretary

Occupation/Current Position: Bioprocess Development Scientist

Background and Experience

I was born and raised in Lagos, Nigeria and have been an active member of the AIMOM community since 2022. I graduated magna cum laude from St. Cloud State University with a Bachelors of Science in Biochemistry and Molecular Biology. During my undergraduate years, I served in a variety of student organization leadership and community building roles. Most significant of which was my 3 year stint as a Student Community Advisor within the Department of Residential Life. In this role, each year I served over 200 residential hall residents from diverse backgrounds as a resource aiding in their transition to university life. In this role, I gained experience in community building, program development, event planning and facilitation, crisis management and conflict resolution, as well as administrative skills serving as a liaison between students and the Department of Residential Life.

I currently work as a Bioprocess Development Scientist in the Biopharmaceutical Purification Industry. In this role as a part of a multi-disciplinary team, I work to develop and optimize in-house processes to support product development efforts. Throughout my time in this role I have gained and expanded my organizational, administrative and communication skills that translate into my service within the AIMOM community.

As a passion project, I also produce a science communication podcast called Baobab and Beakers and write short fiction and creative non-fiction on Substack.

Service, Character and Suitability

I currently support the community by being a member of the Family Halaqa and Sisters Halaqa planning committees as well as a volunteer Arabic and Islamic Studies teacher for youth of the masjid. I also served as a co-lead for the Spiritual Programming and Community Engagement Pillar in the recently concluded Strategic Pillar Committee efforts to facilitate the programming development and transition into the new AIMOM masjid. In these roles, I organize planning meetings, document progress, send out program promotions, generate flyers, and develop curriculum and lectures and relevant materials. I was raised in a family dedicated to community

service; whether directly or indirectly. Seeing the value of being a member of a community and the impact of community building on and from my parents and my grandparents is what inspired me to seek out my own communities as I became a young adult. I also draw inspiration in my service to people from the Prophet Muhammad, peace and blessings be upon him. His dedication to personalizing his relationship with most if not all of his community members continues to be an example for me to follow.

Overall, I hope to expand and continue my service to our community through the role of General Secretary. The acceptance of this nomination is grounded by the following verse from Surah An-Nahl:

*“And your Lord inspired the bees: “Make ‘your’ homes in the mountains, the trees, and in what people construct, and feed from ‘the flower of’ any fruit ‘you please’ and **follow the ways your Lord has made easy for you.**” From their bellies comes forth liquid of varying colours, in which there is healing for people. Surely in this is a sign for those who reflect.” - Q16 V68-69.*

Service to our community is service to Allah. As Allah has made my volunteering within committees easy, I hope He makes this new experience easy and accepts it as well.

Personal Qualities and Why Ideal for the Role

1. I am organized and consistent: Working as a scientist entails project planning keeping track of experiments and methods across different projects- this requires strong organizational skills. I was able to utilize this skill during our AIMOM Pillar Meetings by utilizing a central Google Drive as well as Zoom AI note taker. By using time-blocking, I ensured consistent Pillar Meetings which allowed us to make progress as a team towards our goals by serving as a weekly hour for brainstorming.
2. Willing to Learn: Being a relatively new member of the community and as an early career scientist, it is important that I am open-minded and willing to learn both for my benefit and the benefit of my community or team. I spend a good amount of my time doing research, a skill I bring to our planning meetings especially to support our lecture development. To be able to support mine and our communities spiritual development, I also take classes with certified Alimahs (Ust. Faduma Warsame and Ust. Amal Abdifatah)
3. Strong Creative and Communication Skills: As a podcast producer and writer; I have developed strong storytelling skills as well as proficiency in technology for creative productions such as [Riverside.fm](https://www.riverside.fm) (for audio recording and editing), Canva (for graphics design), Substack (for newsletters), Google forms (for conducting surveys). I have also contributed to program promotion by being a part of the AIMOM messaging platform where I send out promotional material for our events.
4. Proficient in Organizational Technology: I am proficient in many frequently used software within Google suite. Google Docs, Sheets, Mail, and Drive (for document repository) and am willing to learn to utilize new software to optimize our document management and communication systems.