National Council on US-Arab Relations

2019 Annual Review
Founded in 1983, the National Council on U.S.-Arab Relations is an American non-profit, non-governmental, educational organization dedicated to improving American knowledge and understanding of the Arab world. The Council has been granted public charity status in accordance with Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. All contributions are tax-deductible to the fullest extent allowed by law.

**Vision**

The National Council's vision is a relationship between the United States and its Arab partners, friends, and allies that rests on as solid and enduring a foundation as possible. Such a foundation, viewed from both ends of the spectrum, is one that would be characterized by strengthened and expanded strategic, economic, political, commercial, and defense cooperation ties; increased joint ventures; a mutuality of benefit; reciprocal respect for each other's heritage and values; and overall acceptance of each other’s legitimate needs, concerns, interests, and objectives.

**Mission**

The National Council’s mission is educational. It seeks to enhance American awareness, knowledge, and understanding of the Arab countries, the Mideast, and the Islamic world. Its means for doing so encompass but are not limited to programs for leadership development, people-to-people exchanges, lectures, publications, an annual Arab-U.S. policymakers conference, and the participation of American students and faculty in Arab world study experiences. As a public service, the Council also serves as an information clearinghouse and participant in national, state, and local grassroots outreach to media, think tanks, and select community, civic, educational, business, and professional associations. In these ways the Council helps strengthen and expand the overall Arab-U.S. relationship.
1 February 2020

Words can do but so much. In this case, they are inadequate to provide more than a glimpse of a given organization's achievements. Herein is an encapsulation of information and insight regarding what the National Council's benefactors and other supporters made possible in 2019.

With renewed appreciation for your support of what the National Council seeks to accomplish,

[Signature]

John Duke Anthony, PhD
Founding President & CEO

P.S. Lest anyone think, as many do, that to bring about the achievements noted herein the National Council must have a staff of twenty or more; in truth the number is seven. These individuals, with the input of the Council's Board of Directors and International Advisory Committee, are responsible for what follows.
2019 witnessed America’s relationship with the Arab region navigate the shoals of uncertainty, buffeted by challenges both new and old, with strong and enduring partnerships holding fast to mutually-won benefits. Confronting changes within continuity, the National Council on U.S.-Arab Relations redoubled its educational efforts to promote a relationship between the American & Arab peoples based on enhanced cooperation, deepened understanding, & reciprocal respect.
NATIONAL COUNCIL
ACCOMPLISHMENTS IN 2019

36th CONSECUTIVE YEAR
OF PROMOTING
ARAB-U.S. UNDERSTANDING

28th Year of administering the world’s only
Annual Arab-U.S. Policymakers Conference
in the Heart of Washington, D.C.

1,200+ Registrants for the 2019 Conference
on “Treading a Tightrope:
How Best to Balance and Advance
the Multifaceted Arab-U.S. Relationship?”

71 Corporations, embassies, organizations,
& individuals sponsored the 2018 Conference.

25 Youth Leadership Development /
Model Arab League Debate Forums

Youth Leadership Development/
Model Arab League Debate Forums were administered during
the year in 15 U.S. cities.

The National Council’s Youth Leadership
Development/Model Arab League Debate
Forum Alumni grew to more than 51,000.
Emerging Leaders Internships

31 University students in the arts, humanities, and social sciences completed 10-week and semester-long Arab-U.S. relations internships in Washington, D.C.

The internships required that the students produce twice-weekly written analytical critiques of published works by scholars and other specialists on contemporary issues and challenges pertaining to Arabia, the Gulf, and the GCC experiment in sub-regional cooperation.

In addition, the interns were introduced to, briefed by, and provided the opportunity to converse with a dozen of the region’s foremost authors, diplomats, and other authorities on Arabia and the Gulf.

Simultaneously, the interns benefitted from a full-time, real-life professional work experience. The experiences were provided by the National Council in association with one of its fellow NGOs active in America’s relationships with the 22 Arab countries, the Middle East, and the Islamic world.

In the summer, the interns participated in 20 sessions of the world’s only 10-week academic seminar on Arabia, the Gulf, & the GCC countries.
Arab Cultural Institute Progress

Further significant steps were taken toward establishing the first-ever Arab Cultural Institute in the heart of the nation’s capital. The Institute will showcase the extraordinary and multifaceted range of Arab contributions to humanity, world civilization, and American civic culture.
Arab World Study Visits

49 Individuals participated in National Council Study Visits to the Arab World. Oman, Qatar, and Saudi Arabia separately partnered with the Council in hosting delegations of prominent American armed forces personnel and other emerging U.S. leaders for Arab and cultural immersion programs in their respective countries.

Emerging and Active Duty U.S. Defense Leaders

123 U.S. Armed Forces personnel participated in the National Council’s Arab world study visits, cultural and educational programs, and related U.S.-Arab relations activities.

Public Affairs Briefings & Conferences

2,684 attendees at the National Council’s 28th Arab-U.S. Policymakers Conference and 12 separate Congressional and other Public Affairs Briefings for Members of Congress, Congressional staff, media representatives, members of the international diplomatic corps, and select foreign policy analysts and practitioners.
59 publications, articles, monographs, podcasts, & videos featuring hard-to-come-by analyses and perspectives on contemporary affairs and policies related to U.S.-Arab relations and the Arab world from Morocco to Muscat, Baghdad to Berbera, and Algiers to Aden, with Aleppo and Alexandria in between.

46,000+ regular recipients of the National Council’s publications, e-mailed announcements, notices, and press releases.
2019 FINANCIAL REPORT

Financial data is from the National Council’s most recently completed fiscal year. Public copies of the Council’s 990 IRS Tax Return and its Audited Financial Statements are available on the Council’s website.

Total Revenue $1,914,139

Program Expenses
- Annual Arab-U.S. Policymakers Conference $327,552
- Model Arab League $416,271
- Youth Programs $275,667
- Malone Fellowship in Arab and Islamic Studies $233,926
- Congressional & Public Affairs Briefings $142,888

Total Program Expenses $1,396,304

Administrative Expenses $164,965

Fundraising Expenses $69,144

Total Expenses $1,630,413

Net Assets, End of Year $4,133,305
المجلس الوطني للعلاقات العربية-الأمريكيةمنظمة أمريكية تعليمية غير ربحية وغير حكومية، تأسست عام 1983، وهي مكرسة لتحسين معرفة وفهم الأمريكيين للعالم العربي. وقد نُجح المجلس صفحته المنظمة الخيرية العامة وفقاً للمادة (501c) من قانون الإيرادات الداخلية. حيث وأن جميع المساهمات معفاة من الضرائب إلى أقصى حد يسمح به القانون.

الرؤية

رؤية المجلس الوطني هي العلاقة بين الولايات المتحدة وشركائها العرب، الأصدقاء، والحلفاء المهنيين على أساس صلب ودائم بقدر الإمكان. هذا الإحساس، ينظر إليه كرؤية مشتركة من كلا الطرفين والتي تعبر عن تقدير وتوسيع روابط التعاون الإستراتيجي، الاقتصادي، السياسي، التجاري، والدفاعي، زيادة المشاريع المشتركة، تبادل المناقشات، الإحترام المتبادل للتراث وقيم الآخر، والقبول الكامل لاحتياجات الشرعية، الهموم، الاهتمامات، والأهداف.

الرسالة

رسالة المجلس الوطني رسالة تعليمية. حيث يسعى المجلس لتعزيز عقلي وحريات ومعرفة وفهم الأمريكي لدول العالم العربي، الشرق الأوسط والعالم الإسلامي. ووسائله لذلك تشمل التالي (ولكن لا تقتصر على ما هو مذكور) برامج تطوير المهارات القيادية والتبادل بين الشعوب أو الأشخاص والمحاضرات والإصدارات والمؤتمرات السنوية لصنع القرار العربي الأمريكي ومشاركة أعضاء هيئة التدريس والطلاب الأمريكيين في دراسة الوطن العربي. وفيما يخص الخدمة العامة يعمل المجلس كجهة رافدة للمعلومات ومشارك في نشر وعي على المستوى القومي والمحلي عبر وسائل الإعلام والمراكز الفكرية ومنظمات المجتمع المدني والمجتمعات التعليمية، التجارية، والمهنية المختارة. وتبعد هذه الطريقة يقوم المجلس في المساعدة على تعزيز وتوسيع العلاقات العربية الأمريكية بشكل عام.