

## **Enderta Regional Development Association 2nd Reunion**

The 2nd Reunion of ERDA was held in June 20, 2009, in the Mile High City of Denver, Colorado. Active members from different States of the U.S & Canada attended the meeting with a mix of excitement & fear to see the outcome of the meeting.

After the outgoing president of the association delivered his short welcome speech the conference was officially opened. The annual activity report of the association was presented by the secretary. When a DVD show regarding the first project of the association i.e the Zerorha Elementary School existing condition was screened, the hearts and souls of the members were touched. That was a special moment when every body persuaded himself to concentrate all his thoughts up on the work (plan) at hand. And it was easy to read the enthusiasm from the faces of the members. Nothing great was ever achieved without enthusiasm.

The performance of the Board of Directors was evaluated by the members. The constructive criticism and open discussion had given a lesson for the former and incoming board members and had contributed for the consolidation of the association on a solid foundation. It had also overcome the fears and tensions which was overshadowing among some members before the beginning of the conference.

After the electoral committee was elected and took the stage, members were nominating the candidates who will replace the outgoing board members. With a free and open procedure of nomination, 7 new board members and 3 compliance committee members were democratically elected. And the newly elected board members took an oath and promised the members to strengthen the association and perform their duties and responsibilities with transparency and accountability. They also pledge the members to forward their feedback and constructive opinions without hesitation (reservation) bearing in mind that to profit from advice requires more wisdom than to give it.

The party (Tehadso) and fundraising activity went from the evening through 2 AM in the morning. A total net income of more than \$ 24,000 in cash and \$ 4,750 in pledge was raised from the fund raising dinner organized by the Denver Chapter in November 2008 and from the colorful Tehadso of the evening. This fund was raised from members of the association, sister associations & alumni and development loving (oriented) individuals. We ERDA members, on behalf of ourselves and on behalf of the beneficial local community would like to extend our gratitude for those who made generous contribution for the noble purpose of the association and for those who sacrificed their valuable time and energy to organize this triumphant conference of ERDA.

To sum up, the future depends on many things, but mostly on us, on what we do at present. Our doors are wide open and we shall be open minded for development and progress. Because minds are like parachutes, they only function when open. And we believe that constant and determined effort breaks down all resistance and sweeps away all obstacles.

Board members of ERDA, 2009