**Russian American Association (Chamber of Commerce) in Minnesota Initiative**

*Meeting minutes*

April 22, 2015

1. Suggested aim of initiative:

Facilitate partnerships in business, education and culture between organizations in Minnesota and other Mid-West states and in Russia and Russian-speaking territories.

1. Suggested scope and activities:

* Assistance to Russian cultural and educational initiatives in Minnesota and Mid-West in collaboration with potential partners in Russia;
* Development and facilitating business networking between commercial enterprises in Minnesota and Mid-West and in Russia and Russian-speaking territories;

1. Governance and structure:

* Governing board will include chairman, vice-chairman, treasurer, secretary and sections and group leaders
* Sections to be formed will include business, education and cultures;
* Groups (in frame of the sections or separately) may include: media and communication; technology commercialization, specific industry focus groups, charity, etc.

1. Proposed organization names:

* Russian American Chamber of Commerce of Minnesota (RACCM)
* Russian American Association of Minnesota (RAAM)
* Russian American Culture Education and Trade Association (RACETA)
* Russia USA Trade Education and Culture Association (RUSTEC)

1. Proposed future actions:

* Discussion of the organization purpose and structure;
* Forming sections/groups and governing board;
* Discussion of bylaws and articles of incorporation;
* Planning of Activities for upcoming year;
* Incorporation