



# Pakistan Psychological Association

## **Minutes of the PPA Executive body meeting held on Tuesday, 02 May 2023 at 11:00 am**

PPA Executive Body meeting was held on 02 May 2023 at 11:00am, at FATA University and online (Hybrid) under the Chairmanship of Prof. Muhammad Jahanzeb Khan (PhD), President Pakistan Psychological Association. The following attended the meeting:

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| 1. Prof. Dr. Muhammad Jahanzeb Khan | President                         |
| 2. Prof. Dr. Rukhsana Kausar        | Senior Vice-President             |
| 3. Dr. Sadiq Hussain                | Vice-President (Gilgit-Baltistan) |
| 4. Dr. Shazia Qayyum                | Secretary Information             |
| 5. Mr. Jamil Asghar Bhatti          | Additional Secretary (Islamabad)  |
| 6. Prof. Dr. Farah Malik            | Executive Member                  |
| 7. Dr. Rizwana Amin                 | Executive Member                  |
| 8. Dr. Shahnaila Tariq              | Executive Member                  |
| 9. Dr. Kashif Fida                  | Executive Member                  |
| 10. Dr. Musaffa Butt                | Executive Member                  |
| 11. Mr. Basharat Hussain            | Office Secretary                  |

Prof. Dr. Muhammad Tahir Khalily (Treasurer) could not attend the meeting due to an official commitment. Other members did not inform the office about their not coming.

The meeting started with the recitation of the Holy Quran. President PPA welcomed the Executive Members and prayed Fatiha for the departed souls in general and particularly for Brother of Prof. Dr. Muhammad Jahanzeb Khan and Mother of Mr. Jamil Asghar Bhatti. Thereafter, the agenda of the meeting was presented with the permission of the chair.

### **Agenda Item # 01: Previous meeting minutes held online**

**Resolution No. 1.1:** With the permission of the chair, Mr. Basharat Hussain presented minutes of the previous meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> May 2022 (Hybrid meeting), which were unanimously endorsed by the committee without any observations. A few explanations were sought which were replied. The issue of local chapters was left to the next executive meeting.

### **Agenda Item # 02: PPA progress summary (2015-2023)**

**Resolution No. 2.1:** During the meeting, Mr. Basharat Hussain presented the progress report of PPA, which included updates on membership status, financial status, curricular activities, linkages, record keeping and efforts to hold PPA conference in the last 2 years first at FATA University and then at Bara Gali Campus of University of Peshawar. The conferences could not be held due to lack of registrations.

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## **Agenda Item # 03 Feedback on Pakistan Psychological council (PPC) Bill**

**Resolution No. 3.1:** The President of PPA briefed the house on the current status of the Pakistan Psychological Council Bill (2021) and also mentioned the proposed amendment by the standing committee, Senate of Pakistan, dated January 13, 2022. He informed that as per his information, an older bill was submitted to the assembly and the improved bill was not placed. He explained that he did his best to clarify things to the Convener of the Senate Standing Committee on Health (Senator Dr. Humayon) by even writing him a letter and also contacted different stakeholders, including psychiatrists and other member of the committee. However, psychiatrists were negative about the bill and made multiple observations. He further added that he has prepared a detailed response to their observations and was trying to meet the President of Pakistan and the Deputy Chairman and Chairman of the Senate to resolve this issue.

In response, Dr. Rukhsana appreciated his efforts but suggested a plan B. She argued that it was a dire need of the psychologists and in this situation where a psychiatrist has serious objections, it would be difficult to get the bill passed. She proposed a Plan B and requested for a similar council like Computer, Education and Business Councils in Pakistan. In this regard, the house agreed to have three Vice Chancellors who are psychologists, to meet and discuss a similar plan and to take an alternate solution. The three Vice Chancellors were named as follows: a. Prof. Dr. Muhammad Jahanzeb Khan, b. Prof. Dr. Rukhsana Kausar, c. Prof. Dr. Anila Kamal. They will also review the PPC document and take further steps.

## **Agenda Item # 04 Annual Account Statement**

**Resolution No. 4.1:** Mr. Basharat Hussain presented the current financial status of PPA to the members.

The President of PPA and other members expressed their appreciation for the current surplus amount in the PPA account.

## **Agenda Item # 05 PPA Memberships**

**Resolution No. 5.1:** Mr. Basharat Hussain presented to the house the current number of life members, which is 1052. During the discussion, Dr. Rukhsana suggested that the PPA should also promote other categories of membership to generate more revenue and ensure the sustainability of the association. The members agreed with this suggestion and recommended following

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international best practices, such as those of the British Psychological Society (BPS). It was suggested to write a letter for new memberships to the major academic departments.

Dr. Farah brought to the attention of the members that many renowned psychologists have claimed to have paid for PPA membership but do not have documentary evidence. The house unanimously accepted this issue and proposed to offer them PPA membership to some senior psychologists (names were discussed) as they are highly reputable and will be a good representation of the PPA. It was decided to raise the life membership fee to 7000/- Rs and propose to General Body an annual charge of at least Rs. 500 to make it possible for the association to run its affairs effectively.

## **Agenda Item # 06: PPA Annual Conference 2023**

**Resolution No. 6.1:** The President PPA updated the members on previous efforts to schedule a conference in FATA in 2021 and Bara Gali in 2022 (which could not be successful due to lack of Registrations) and declared Rawalpindi-Islamabad as the conference venue for 2023. He mentioned that he had discussed with Prof. Dr. Anila Kamal (Vice Chancellor, Rawalpindi Women University, Rawalpindi) and she has agreed to host the conference at their university. The following decisions were made by the executive body regarding the conference:

- a) The main PPA Conference will be held at Rawalpindi Women University, Rawalpindi on 29-30 August 2023.
- b) The pre-conference seminar and workshops will be held at Bara Gali Abbottabad from 23-25 August 2023 in collaboration with the University of Peshawar.
- c) Funding will be requested from HEC and other organizations if possible and PPA funds will also be utilized. Registration fee will also be charged.
- d) A committee for the conference is formed with members from all over the country to reflect PPA as a national body. The following conference committee was proposed by the PPA President and unanimously endorsed by the members:
  - i. Dr. Anila Kamal (Convener)
  - ii. Dr. Hayat Bangash (Khyber Pakhtunkhwa)
  - iii. Dr. Malik Mureed (Punjab)
  - iv. Dr. Aziz udeen Agha (Baluchistan)
  - v. Dr. Shiraz Sheik (Sindh)

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- vi. Mr. Shamsheer Hayat Khan (Kashmir)
- vii. Mr. Basharat Hussain (Gilgit-Baltistan)
- viii. Dr. Amina Muazzam (Punjab)
- ix. Dr. Tamkeen Saleem (Islamabad)
- x. Dr. Uzma Masroor (Islamabad)
- xi. Dr. Kehkashan Arouj (Islamabad)
- xii. Dr. Ghulam Murtaza Bodla (Overseas)

Dr. Anila Kamal and her team will be requested to convene a meeting and proceed with arrangements in consultation with the PPA office.

**Agenda Item # 07: PPA Election 2023**

**Resolution No. 7.1:** The members of the house made a unanimous decision to conduct the PPA election during the upcoming annual conference in the concluding business session according to Clause 3 and Section **VI Elections** of the PPA constitution. Dr. Rubina Hanif (Director, National Institute of Psychology, Quaid-e-Azam University Islamabad) was unanimously selected as the Chief Election Commissioner for the PPA election 2023. Other 5 members will be Dr. Tamkeen Saleem, Dr. Uzma Masroor, Dr. Humaira Jami, Dr. Shamsheer Hayat Khan, and Dr. Malik Mureed. Mr. Basharat and RWU and NiP will provide secretarial support.

**Agenda Item # 08 General Secretary PPA**

**Resolution No. 8.1:** Mr. Jamil Asghar Bhatti raised a concern during the meeting that PPA cannot effectively run its daily affairs without an active General Secretary. He then volunteered himself for the position of Acting General Secretary. The house discussed the matter and unanimously recommended Mr. Bhatti for the position under section VI (1) and (2).

Thereafter, the meeting ended with a vote of thanks from the chair.

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