

MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY, THE 14TH NOVEMBER, 2019 AT 2.00 P.M. AT THE REGISTERED OFFICE OF THE ASSOCIATION – BILAL CENTRE, 9 NICHOLSON ROAD, LAHORE

Mr. Faisal Sattar Mughal, Chairman warmly extended welcome to all the Hon'able Members, who have come to participate in the E.C. Meeting and expressed gratitude for their continued support in carrying out day to day working of the Association.

The meeting started with recitation from the Holy Quran. Haji Muhammad Afzal very kindly recited the Holy Verses.

1. To offer Dua for the departed souls.

The first item on the Agenda related to offering of Dua for the departed souls. Mr. Faisal Sattar Mughal invited the Hon'able House to joint him in this noble cause and offered Dua for the departed souls for their eternal peace.

2. To confirm Minutes of the Meeting of the Association held on 10.10.2019.

The second item on the Agenda pertained to confirmation of Minutes of the last E.C. meeting held on 10.10.2019. Mr. Faisal Sattar Mughal asked the Secretary General to distribute copies of the Minutes of the meeting among the present Hon'able Members for their study and comments, if any. The Secretary General complied with the instructions of the Hon'able Chairman and the copies of the minutes were distributed.

Mr. Faisal Sattar Mughal, Chairman apprized the Hon'able about the salient points of the proceedings of the meeting dated 10.10.2019, which included:-

- That the Website and Soft ware of the Association was developed some 3 years and since then data was not being uploaded.
- That it was violation of the Trade Organizations Rules; that DGTO, Islamabad could take penalty action against the Association.
- That immediate step needed to start required data on the Website.
- That the publication of the Association Magazine had been stopped; that the Hon'able House wished for formation of a committee to investigate this stoppage of the Magazine and the Chairman to take appropriate steps for its earliest revival. The Hon'able House had in principal that all the E.C. Members shall given Rs. 100,000.- as advertisement in the Magazine, but so far have received the same from 2 Hon'able E.C. Members.
- That the Hon'able discussed strategy of the current Tax Regime and wishes Government to bring down the Tax percentage; also to fix uniform tax regime for the industry to enable the industrial sector to flourish.
- That the proper office record of the Association viz a viz correspondence with government departments, upkeep of accounts evidence; submission of Statutory Returns to SECP has not been done
- That the strategy for enhancing Membership of the Association was discussed in great depth; it was decided that regional meetings of the Association shall be held at various stations for the purpose.
- The Hon'able House unanimously approved appointment of Mr. M. Aslam Kamyana, as Secretary General of the Association.

- That the SOP for nominations to FPCCI Executive Committee and General Body was agreed upon; that the nominee shall have two years active participation in the affairs of the Association; contribute Rs. 200,000.- for E.C. slot and Rs. 125,000.- for General Body as donation to the Association.

Since there was no objection from any Hon'able Member present in the House, Haji Muhammad Afzal proposed and Mr. Humayun Ajmal seconded and the motion stood approved.

3. To brief the Hon'able House about Canton Fair held at Guangzhou, China on 15.10.2019 onward.

The 3rd Item on the Agenda related to brief the Hon'able House about the Canton Fair held at Guangzhou, China on 15.10.2019 onward. Mr. Faisal Sattar Mughal Chairman briefly informed the Hon'able House that the Fair is held twice a year – April and October and is participated largely by business / trading community.

Mr. Laeeq Ahmed bitterly complained in the Hon'able House about the painful and unpleasant situation he has to face when he went to China Embassy to get his Visa; that the form used for getting visa was old; that he had to spend the whole day for the purpose; that when he contacted Mr. Shafiq Ahmed, Ex-Secretary General, he simply replied that he has resigned from the Association and not working there. Mr. Laeeq Ahmed felt perturbed. It was further pointed out by the Mr. Nasim Shahid that the Embassy of Germany has refused issuance of any Visa to APPMA candidates and that this was due to unwarranted attitude of the Ex-Secretary General despite the fact he has been given Bonuses. He further suggested that enquiry in this regard may be made.

Mr. Tanvir Ahmed Butt informed that he was unaware of the happening, but however, regretted for such incidents. He further informed the Hon'able House that payment of Bonus to Ex-Secretary was made every year on the eve of Eid Uz-Azha, as such he has allowed this payment to the Secretary General. Mr. Tanvir Ahmed Butt further informed the Hon'able House that if there were lapses on the part of working of the Secretary General during his tenure, he admit

4. To apprise Hon'able House about deficiencies in non-submission of Statutory Returns of last years.

The 4th item on the Agenda related to apprise the Hon'able House about the deficiencies in the non-submission of Statutory Returns of Last Years to the Securities & Exchange Commission of Pakistan (SECP).

Mr. Faisal Sattar Mughal informed the Hon'able about the non-submission of Returns to SECP as under:-

- Year 2016-2017: Submitted in January, 2018
- Year 2017-2018: Returns not submitted.
- Year 2018-2019: Returns not submitted.

The Chairman further informed the Hon'able House that Notice for year 2017-2018 was received from SECP on 08.10.2018 and even then action was not taken for submission of the returns. Mr.