**MINUTES OF THE PSAA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

**MEETING HELD ON 18.01.2017 AT 03.00 P.M.**

**AT ASSOCIATION’S OFFICE, KARACHI**

Present:

Mr.Khalid Wasim Khokhar Chairman

Mr.Asim Saeed Khan Vice Chairman

Ms.Ava A. Cowasjee Executive Committee Member

Mr.Tariq Haleem Executive Committee Member

Capt.S.Kamal A. Mahmoodi Executive Committee Member

Mr.Jawed Iqbal Executive Committee Member

Mr.Amir Ali Jamal Secretary General

Regrets:

Capt.M.Nouman Alvi Senior Vice Chairman

Mr.Bilal Barket Executive Committee Member

Capt.S.M.Farooque Executive Committee Member

Mr.Kareem Ispahani Executive Committee Member

A meeting of the Executive Committee was held at 03.00 p.m. on 18.01.2017 at Association’s office, Karachi.

Mr.Khalid Wasim Khokhar, Chairman welcomed all participants at the Executive Committee Meeting.

**1) To confirm minutes of the EC meeting held on 20.12.2016.**

The minutes of the EC meeting held on 20.12.2016 were approved by all present.

**2) To discuss Federal Budget 2017-2018 proposal.**

Mr.Amir Ali Jamal presented Budget proposals for the year 2017-2018 to be submitted to FPCCI and informed that since last several years we are submitting these proposals for incorporation in the Federal Budget. However, so far none had been incorporated in any Federal Budget.

The Chairman suggested submitting Budget proposals pertaining to Customs Act, 1969 only and not related to Income Tax Ordinance, 2001 which will create confusion which was approved by all present.

**3) To discuss harassment of members by various Government entities.**

Mr.Amir Ali Jamal informed that time and again various Government entities straight away put blame on Shipping Agent without proper impartial investigation and knowing the facts e.g. be it ancillary charges issue despite the fact that during the course of Import and Export of cargo several public and private sector entities are collecting different charges, financial dispute arising between consignee and shipper or importantly any security breach in the Port. He

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recommended to EC that PSAA should highlight these issues to all those Government entities who in one way or an other regulate with various formalities regarding arrival and departure of vessel.

He added that recently one of our members encountered a severe problem when a stowaway was found on board. Intelligence Bureau reported the incident to Customs (Preventive Collectorate) who in turn suspended the License without proper investigation despite the fact that several public and private sectors officials board the vessel to complete various formalities and other work. Our member was left with no choice but to approach SHC and obtain a stay order.

The meeting extensively discussed the issue. Ms.Ava A.Cowasjee recommended that right now PSAA should not highlight other issues expect recent incident of stowaway. All present agreed to her suggestion.

It was decided to write letters to concerned Government entities.

**4) Any other business with the permission of the Chair.**

a)Mr.Amir Ali Jamal informed that recently a interview by Ms.Hussan Bano Burki, Deputy Chief of Party, USAID/PREIA on the topic of “Logistics biggest issue in regional trade: Pakistan Regional Economic Integration Activity” was published in Business Recorder dated 19.09.2016. This entity is investing in research about various parts of Pakistan’s transport industry hence, PSAA suggested to conduct study on Shipping sector. In this regard Ms.Burki has requested a meeting with PSAA on 24.01.2017 to further discuss this issue. He requested all present to attend this meeting.

b)Mr.Amir Ali Jamal presented application of loan amounting to Rs.25,000 by Office Assistant Mr.Muhammad Mubbashir for consideration to meet some medical expenses for his mother which he will repay in instalments of Rs.1,000 monthly. The Executive Committee approved the same.

There being no other business the meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the Chair at 04.30 pm.

**Confirmed**

**Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Chairman: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**