

**Executive Committee  
 2008-2009**

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Chairman



**Munir Mahmood**

Vice Chairman



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Member



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Member



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Member



# PROFESSIONALS WING

Professionals Wing (previously known as the Pakistan Professionals Forum) is a wing of the Pakistan Association Dubai and was established in 1987 by a group of Dubai and Sharjah based Pakistani professionals. The membership consists of bankers, doctors, engineers, lawyers, business executives, I.T professionals and other senior professionals. The Mission, Aims and Objectives of the Wing is to contribute to the social and economic uplift of the community in the U.A.E, provide a forum to deliberate on issues facing Pakistan, provide financial assistance to Pakistani schools and students in the U.A.E, enhance the level of literacy amongst adult Pakistanis in the U.A.E., bring the Pakistani and U.A.E communities closer to each other and generally to provide a forum for professional Pakistanis to network, socialize and contribute.

## The Need

The need for the Wing was felt due to the absence of a common platform where views and ideas of professionals could be exchanged and put into action. A platform was required where issues and matters pertaining to the community could be discussed and viable solutions found for improvement of the economic and social condition of the community at large and enhance the image of Pakistan. The need was also felt for providing financial aid and assistance to certain sections of the Pakistani community in the U.A.E. for meeting educational, medical and other urgent needs. Pakistani Professionals also felt that they required a more formal structure to foster and improve relations with U.A.E. nationals and other nationalities in the U.A.E..

**Saqib Iqbal**

Immediate Past Chairman



**Iqbal E. Maladwala**

Membership Enrollment & Special Tasks Committee



**Shahab Haider**

Friendship with U.A.E. and Other nationals Committee



**Naimat Ullah Jafri**

Symposia and social functions Committee



**Uzair Wasif**

Education & welfare Committee



**Pervez Ghazi Shaikh**

Employment Opportunities Committee



## The Charter

### ➤ Mission Statement

Pakistan Professionals Wing was established with a view to afford its members a means of social interaction among themselves and with the nationals of the U.A.E.. The Professionals Wing also endeavors to forge national unity and cohesion among Pakistanis and also to improve the image of Pakistan and Pakistanis in the U.A.E. The Professionals Wing discourages fissiparous, political, ethnic or sectarian activities.

### ➤ Aims and Objectives

- ❖ To promote social, professional and intellectual activities for Pakistanis residing in the U.A.E..
- ❖ To improve and enhance the image of Pakistan through better communication and understanding with other nationalities and in particular with nationals of the U.A.E..
- ❖ To assist associations of Pakistanis in the U.A.E. in the fulfillment of their objectives.
- ❖ To support educational institutions, activities and charitable causes in general and specially for the benefit of Pakistanis.
- ❖ To work for and promote the interest of Pakistan and its citizens.
- ❖ To enhance and enlarge the scope of participation of Pakistani Professionals in the economic development of Dubai in particular, and the whole of the U.A.E., in general.
- ❖ To keep in touch with developments in Pakistan and to invite prominent speakers in the fields of education, finance, engineering, medicine, management and banking or in any other field which the Professionals Wing may consider appropriate for the purpose of arranging symposia, seminars and lectures in the U.A.E..
- ❖ To organize special interests symposia, workshops and seminars for enhancing the knowledge base and professional skills of the members.

## How does it work

### ➤ The Organizational Structure

The Professionals Wing is made up of a general body of its members, an Executive Committee, and Working Committees.

### ➤ The Management

The management of the Professionals Wing is entrusted to the Executive Committee.

### ➤ The Executive Committee

The Executive Committee comprises of a Chairman, Vice-chairman, Treasurer, Immediate Past Chairman and seven committee members, all of whom are elected by the General body of the Professionals Wing. The leaders of the five Working Committees are ex-officio members of the Executive Committee.

The Executive Committee can meet as often as necessary but normally at least once a month. Forty percent attendance by members constitutes the requisite quorum. No member of the Committee is allowed to be a

member of any other governing body / executive committee of any other sister organization of the community without the prior approval of the Professionals Wing's Executive Committee.

Fifty percent of the members of the Executive Committee retire and are replaced every year at the Annual General Meeting (AGM). The office bearers are allowed to hold office for one year ending with the AGM and with the exception of the Chairman are eligible for re-election. However the Vice-chairman and Treasurer are not eligible for re-election for more than two terms.

The financial year of the Professionals Wing commences on 1st October of each year and ends on 30th September of the following year. Accounts are audited, by a firm of chartered accountants appointed by the General Body.

At the AGM all decisions are made by simple majority of all those present. Decisions to add, amend or rescind the by-laws require two-thirds of the majority of the members present.

## The Working Committees

These are formed for the purpose of carrying out specific objectives of the Professionals Wing. The present Working Committees are:

- Membership Enrollment and Special Tasks
- Employment Opportunities
- Friendship with U.A.E. and other nationals
- Symposia and Social functions
- Educational Support, Community Welfare and Legal Support

Each Working Committee consists of a leader and alternate leader, who are elected by members of these committees and who are allowed to hold office for a period of one year, which the members may extend by consensus for one more year.

Each Working Committee is required to originate ideas and plans for the pursuit of their aims and forward these for the approval of the Executive Committee along with its implementation plans, estimate of costs and the resources required.

## Functioning of Working Committees

All members are invited to join one or more of the five committees and contribute towards achieving the aims of the Professionals Wing.

Once these members exercise their choice, the Committees are formed. In the first meeting of the Committees the members choose their Leader and Alternate Leader for the year.

Each Committee then prepares its "Program for the Year" which is presented to the "Executive Committee" for comments and approval. This Program sets out target and assigns tasks to be followed. Once the Program is approved the Executive Committee works towards achieving its stated aims by following the approved Program.

Each Leader (in his absence the Alternate Leader) of the Committee also attends the regular Executive Committee meetings and presents the progress of his Committee.

At the Annual General Meeting, the Leader of each Committee presents the achievements of the Committee to the members and answers any questions from the floor.

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## Committee # 1

### Membership Enrollment & Special Tasks

**To ensure that new members join the Professionals Wing.**

#### Pre-requisites of Membership

**The Proposed Member should have the following qualifications:**

- **Be a Pakistani Citizen (in special cases of Pakistani Origin)**
- **Have a Professional Qualification**
- **Be over 21 years of age**
- **Hold (preferably a decision making position in his/her respective organization**
- **Be proposed by an existing member**

The selection criteria of a new member is as follows:

Proposal is scrutinized & approved by the working committee & then it is forwarded to the Executive Committee for approval.

After approval by the EC, an invitation is sent to the approved member (with a copy to the proposing member for follow-up). This letter contains a brief introduction of the Professionals Wing and its membership rules.

Upon payment of the annual membership fees (AED

1500/- per annum or on pro-rata basis, if he joins during the year), he / she is issued a welcome package and is enrolled as a new member. The new members name is added in the member's list, which is circulated to all the members.

**The Membership Committee & Executive Committee has the right to reject any application in the best interest of the Professionals Wing, without assigning any reason.**

### Special Tasks

The second objective of this Committee is to take up special tasks during its one-year tenure i.e. from October to September. The scope of such special tasks can be varied.. It could be to meet an existing need of the Professionals Wing, address community problems or to prepare and forward economic, social, education or welfare proposals to the Government in Pakistan.

### Committee # 2

#### Employment Opportunities

Like other Committees of the Professionals Wing, Committee No. 2 consists of some of the members of Professionals Wing who identify employment opportunities for Pakistanis in the U.A.E. The Professionals Wing does not work either as a recruiting company or a marketing research / information center. The Professionals Wing's role is principally that of identification and assistance.

### Committee # 3

#### Friendship with U.A.E. and Other Nationals

The primary aim and objective of this Committee is to improve and enhance the image of Pakistan through better understanding and communication with U.A.E. nationals and nationals of other countries residing in the Emirates. The Wing has invited prominent speakers to address the members and guests of the Professionals Wing and also by inviting them as guests to participate in other symposia and functions of the Professionals Wing.

### Committee # 4

#### Symposia & Social Function

This Committee is responsible for organizing all the symposia and social events of the Professionals Wing with the objective of:

Promoting and enhancing social, professional and intellectual activities for the members of the

Professionals Wing and other Pakistanis residing in the U.A.E., by holding symposia, workshops and seminars.

Improving the image of Pakistan amongst other nationalities, and particularly amongst U.A.E. nationals.

This Committee is responsible for formulating an events calendar for the year. All events are approved by the Executive Committee.

### Committee # 5

#### Educational Support, Community Welfare and Legal

This Committee works to achieve the following objectives:

#### Promote Educational Activities

##### Educational Fund

In order to promote educational activities the Committee maintains an Educational Fund which is used to provide financial assistance to students.

##### *Recognizing talent and Performance*

In order to encourage and recognize talent and performance of students in the community, the committee compiles the results of students appearing in Pakistani Board examination and awards Gold, Silver and Bronze Medals to the top three male and female students.

##### *Essay Competition*

An essay competition is organized by the Committee every year.

##### *Assistance to Community Schools*

This Committee has successfully raised funds from within the community to assist Pakistani schools in the U.A.E.

#### Provide Legal Support and Advise

The membership of the Professionals Wing includes a number of lawyers. These members provide legal support and advice to the community.

#### Promote Social Welfare Activities

This Committee has provided assistance to those in need of emergency medical assistance. It has also assisted victims of the 2006 earthquake in Pakistan.

**Please contact us with your suggestions and comments on: E-mail: [ppf@eim.ae](mailto:ppf@eim.ae)**

## Community Education Support Programme



The Pakistan Professional Wing (PPW) over the last several years has been and continues to be actively involved in supporting students in the U.A.E. whose parents are unable to support their education due to financial constraints. On account of the rising cost of education, the number of children who require assistance is on the increase, and more funds are needed to ensure that children have the opportunity to continue their schooling. The primary source of our funding is the generous contributions by PPW Members, their friends and associates.

We are pleased to advise that in last year PPW has provided financial assistance of over Dhs. 825,000/- to approx 230 Pakistani students. All these funds were either from Zakat or other contributions, which the PPW collected through its members.

Last year, PPW was approached by a delegation led by Dr. Shehzad Thaheem, Community Welfare Attaché at the Pakistan Embassy Abu Dhabi for financial support to the Pakistan Community Welfare School Mussafah, Abu Dhabi. During the meeting he mentioned that the School was established in 1979 at Journ Yafoor (Baniyas) by some dedicated Pakistani social workers.

Later on in 1996 when the Journ Yafoor settlement was demolished by the Abu Dhabi Government, the school was shifted to Mussaffah in port-a-cabins on donated land by the then Crown Prince H.H.Shiekh Khalifa bin Zayed Al-Nahyan

A small section (6 classrooms), the school foyer and administration area was built from the grant from the Government of Pakistan and donations from the Pakistani community in Abu Dhabi & Dubai in 2003. The Pakistan Professional Wing contributed Dhs. 165,000/-. Later on in early 2006, the Ministry of Education gave notice to close down the School on account of its failure to meet standards. After that the school was taken over by the Pakistan Embassy, Abu Dhabi and the notice period was extended.

The School received a final **closing down notice** on

15.04.2007 from the U.A.E. Ministry of Education stating that "if the School fails to improve its existing building and other required standard of education for private schools, the School will be closed and its licence revoked without further notice.

***Not with standing the uncertain fate of 290 pupils that attend this School the Pakistan Professional wing decided to take an active part in saving the Abu Dhabi community school from closure.***

This community School may not offer the best education, but it is providing reasonably good education for students whose families can't afford "commercial schools". It will be unbearable for parents to see their children's school close down. Pakistan as a nation is already challenged in education.

We as a community put **our hands together for the survival of this School** and were able to build an extension which will give the school 6 new primary classrooms, a school foyer and administrative area as per the approved site plan. So, far by the Grace of God, we have managed to raise more than approx Dhs. 1,100,000/- for this project and more than 98% of construction has been completed. Over and above the construction work, We are also planning to provide furniture and fixtures to the School.

Issues regarding boundary wall, reception area, clinic, having an experienced Principal and qualified staff were taken care of. Inshallah the School will have more than 180 new students in the next academic year 2009-10.

Should you wish to discuss any aspects of Educational Support being provided by Professionals Wing or would like additional information, please feel free to contact Mr. Munir Mahmood (050-6536944) or Mr. Uzair Wasif or email us at [ppf@eim.ae](mailto:ppf@eim.ae) or [mmimran@eim.ae](mailto:mmimran@eim.ae)





**Abdullah Al Ghurair**



**Saeed Al Muntafiq, CEO, Dubai Internet City**



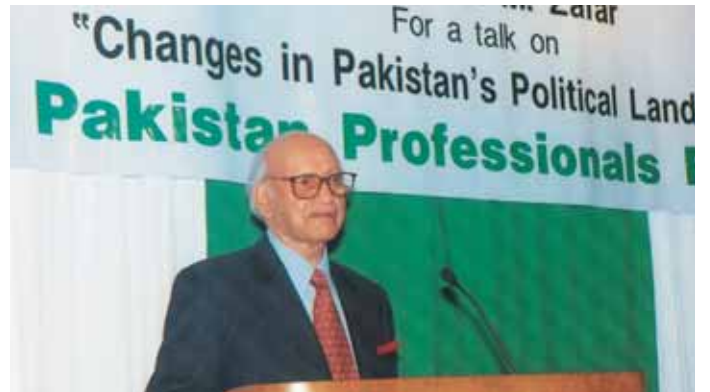
**Salem Bin Dasmal, CEO, Dubailand**



**H.E. Mohammad Ali Al Abbar**



**Dr. Javid Iqbal**



**Senator S. M. Zafar**



**H. E. Sheikha Lubna Al Qassemi with Noor Ali Rashid**

*Our Distinguished Guests and Speakers at the PPW Functions*



**Dr. Pervaiz Hoodbhoy**



**Ahmad Faraz (Late)**



**Dr. Javid Iqbal with C. G. of Pakistan**



**Dr. Ahsan Iqbal**



**Dr. Atta Ur Rehman**



**Dr. Pervaiz Hoodbhoy with PPW Chairman**



**H. E. Shoukat Aziz with PPW Members**

## MEMBERSHIP PROPOSAL FORM

## Past Chairmen

(to be filled by proposer)

1. Name of proposed new member

2. Date of Birth

3. Contact Details

P. O. Box

Emirate

Telephone

Mobile

Fax

E-mail

4. Marital Status

5. Educational Qualifications

6. Professional Qualifications

7. (a) Employment Information

Employer Name

Position

Employed since (No of years)

7. (b) If Self Employed

Name of Company

Nature of Business

Position

Number of Employees

Established since

Member's Name : .....

Proposing

(Member since .....

Committee No.1 (Comments / Suggestion etc. for Executive Committee)

Mr. Sultan Khan  
(Founder Chairman)  
1987 - 88

Mr. Abdul Salam  
1988 - 89

Mr. Iradat Hussain  
1989 - 90

Mr. Ismail Mughal  
1990 - 91

Mr. Ehtisham-ullah  
1991 - 92

Mr. Sharafat Wallajahi  
1992 - 93

Mr. A. R. Sandhu  
1993 - 94

Mr. Abdul Salam  
1994 - 95

Mr. Mohammad Nafees  
1995 - 96

Dr. A. M. Billah  
1996 - 97

Mr. Iftikhar A. Mir  
1997 - 98

Mr. Abdul Salam  
1998 - 99

Captain Ejaz-ul-Haq  
1999 - 00

Mr. Amjad Ali Khan  
2000 - 01

Mr. Iqbal E Maladwala  
2001 - 02

Mr. Naimat Ullah Jafri  
2002 - 03

Capt. (Retd) M. A. Rahim  
2003 - 04

Mr. Irfan W. Malik  
2004 - 05

Mr. Shahab Haider  
2005 - 06

Mr. Saqib Iqbal  
2006 - 07

Mr. S. Javed Hasan  
2007 - 08

Mr. Hamad Malik  
2008 - 09