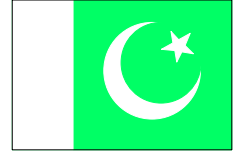




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## Minutes

### 27<sup>th</sup> General Meeting of the Swiss Pakistan Society

**Date:** Saturday, 24 June 06  
**Place:** Geneva, Rehma Restaurant  
**Time:** 16:00  
**Total Presence:** 48, as per the attendance sheet

#### 1. Opening

The President Mr. Thomas Wernly opened the meeting and invited the Patron, H.E. Fauzia Abbas for the address.

- The patron congratulated the society for its existence for more than a quarter century (since 1974)
- Also that the first AGM is taking place in Geneva, augers well
- She acknowledged the contribution of the Society in the Earthquake Relief and Rehabilitation. She particularly commend the projects such as, Pakistan Paraplegic support and competencies building projects, charity events such as concerts of Bahauddin Qawal and Fakhir and the soft image projection of Pakistan by beautiful and colourful event of "Journey through Pakistan."
- She advised that events held in collaboration with Society, must held complete transparency and accountability as per the Society's norms.
- She stressed on the efforts towards increasing membership
- She suggested starting an annual social gathering event in Switzerland in the form of a picnic or similar activities.

#### 2. Adaption of Agenda

The agenda was adapted without observations

#### 3. Approval of the minutes of the Last AGM

The minutes of the 26<sup>th</sup> AGM were approved without any observation

#### 4. President's Report on the Past Activities

The president gave brief outline of the following past cultural activities:

- April 2, 2004, Concert by Ustaad Shafquat Ali Khan in Geneva
- December 02, 2005, SPS collaborated in organising a Qawwali concert by Asif Ali Khan & Party in Geneva
- January 2006, President Pervaiz Musharraf spoke to the community members in Geneva,
- April 29, 2006, SPS took part in Journey Through Pakistan, organised by the Pakistani women in Geneva and their Swiss Friends, in aid to Shaukhat Khanum Hospital Lahore
- May 06, 2006, SPS organised Fakhir Concert in Geneva., in aids to Pak Earthquake
- January 2006, SPS collaborated in organising Qawwal Bahauddin Swiss concert tour in six cities.

The president asked Saad Khan to briefly explain past humanitarian activities:

- Earthquake 2005 Relief shipments of 161 metric tons (1'287 Cubic Meter) send by two Boeing 747 Cargo flights and 9 sea containers. The relief shipments included medicines, winter tents, blankets, sleeping bags Swiss Army coats, gloves and Caps etc.
- Rehabilitation support of Paraplegic Patients of the Earthquake
  - Infotainment centres
  - Providing 18 units of Functional Electric Stimulation (FES) equipment
  - Training 40 paramedical staff trainers in Pakistan by a Swiss team
- Competencies Development Projects:
  - Training program for Pakistani Doctors in Switzerland at Swiss Paraplegic Centre Nottwil and Rehab Clinic Belikon for Paraplegic and post traumatic rehabilitation
  - Training of a spine surgeon in Pakistan by Prof. Max Aebi

The EVP also gave a brief account of the new members of the Society.

### **5. Approval of the audited statement of account**

The account statement was approved without any observation

### **6. Mandate of SPS in Humanitarian Assistance.**

The president reminded that humanitarian activities of the Society are legally covered by the Article 2 of the constitution which describes the aim and objectives of the Society. He suggested that the Board should present recommendations for any special regulations and organizational structure that may be required for conducting humanitarian activities. The recommendations are to be presented in the next General Meeting.

### **7. Election**

Following Board Members were elected or re-elected

<b>Patron:</b>	Ambassador of Pakistan
<b>President:</b>	Mr. Thomas Wernly, former Swiss Ambassador to Pakistan (retired)
<b>Executive Vice President:</b>	Mr. Saad Khan
<b>Vice President Geneva:</b>	Mr. Saleem Jan Khan
<b>Vice President Women:</b>	Mrs. Salma Shuja
<b>Senior Advisors:</b>	Mr. Maqbool Ahmad Mr. Dildar Rabbani Malik
<b>Secretary:</b>	Mr. Sohail Mirza
<b>Electronic Editor:</b>	Mr. Nazim Rahman

### **8. Outstanding Women of SPS**

The Patron and the President presented special awards to outstanding ladies of the Society:

- Elizabeth Neuenschwander
- Maham Ahmad
- Nighat Syed

## **9. Future Activities**

The Patron suggested to plan and patronise a social gathering event in every summer

## **10. Miscellaneous**

The Vice President Salma Shuja spoke on behalf of the community in Pakistan. She commended Saad Khan as a backbone of the Society and thanked him. She appreciated that there are so many projects in pipeline that have potentials to benefit Pakistan.

**The General Meeting closed at 18:30hr**

### **Annual Meal:**

The Patron and the President of the Society invited the members and the guests to a traditional Pakistani dinner buffet.