

Asia Pacific School Psychology Association (APSPA)

Minutes of the First Meeting of the Executive Council

Minutes of the meeting the Executive Council of the Asia Pacific School Psychology Association (APSPA) held online on 09.2.2019. The following members attended:

Executive Members

President

Dr. Panch. Ramalingam
Pondicherry University, India

Vice-Presidents

Dr. A.R. Sivakumaran
National Institute of Education
Singapore

Prof. Dr. Md. Kamal Uddin
University of Dhaka
Bangladesh

Secretary

**Dr. Mohammad Rahim
Kamaluddin**
The National University of Malaysia
Malaysia

Joint Secretaries

Md Zahir Ahmed
Northwest Normal University
China

A. Kajenthiran

Kilaly RCTM School, Sri Lanka

Treasurer

T. Ganesan
MaSPA, Malaysia

The following Items were considered and resolved:

01/2019 Approval of the name and logo of the Association

The name “Asia Pacific School Psychology Association” (APSPA), Logo and Vision were unanimously approved as follows:

Vision

Assurance of easy accessibility of academic resources, development of skills for mental health and well-being in all children and youth for thriving in life.

Mission

The Asia Pacific School Psychology Association (APSPA) is a professional organization that supports and advocates for school psychologists to provide professional training to have a positive impact on school systems to improve academic skills, social-emotional functioning, and mental-behavioural health of all students.

Core Values

Integrity: APSPA is committed to high standards, ethical principles, social justice, honesty, fairness, and treating others with dignity and respect.

Diversity: APSPA honours individual, cultural, and other contextual differences in our own interactions as they shape students' development.

Collaboration: APSPA collaborates with other organizations, agencies, and others to develop common concern.

Excellence: APSPA promotes high standards of service delivery and resource deployment.

Purposes

- To serve the educational and mental health need of all students
- To provide opportunities for the professional growth of school psychologists
- To provide professional training to meet the specific demands of the particular country as well as the global needs in general.
- To popularize the services and practices of psychology in the schools among the public
- To advance the standards of the profession of school psychology
- To cooperate with other agencies, offices, and organizations on subjects of common concern

Logo

The logo of the APSPA is Greek letter 'Psy' holding Asia Pacific region with covering of Olive leaves as given below:



02/2019 Approval of the First Executive Council of the APSPA

The following office bearers have been unanimously approved for the period of three years from 09.2.2019

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03/2019 Approval of the constitution of APSPA

The constitution of APSPA was unanimously approved as given in Annexure - 1

04/2019 Approval of the Country Secretaries

The following Country Secretaries were approved to look after the activities of the concerned countries:

Dr. Janet Fernandes

Goa, India

Dr. Santhosh Mohanan

Assumption University

Bangkok

Dr. A. Jayabalan

Sri Lanka

Dr. Narendra Thagunna

Nepal

Dr. Gunasegaran K

UNISEL, Malaysia

Ms. Sumaia Ali Raisa

University of Dhaka

Bangladesh

The President and Secretary are authorized to appoint suitable country secretaries to look after the APSPA activities in other countries.

05/2019 Approval of the Chief Patron and Advisors

It was unanimously approved that the following key personnel as Chief Patron and Advisors:

Chief Patron

Hon' Teo Nie Ching

Deputy Minister for Education

Malaysia

Advisors

Prof. Gurmeet Singh

Vice-Chancellor

Pondicherry University

Puducherry – 605 014

Prof. G.P. Thakur

Psychologist

New Delhi

Tan Sri Prof. T. Marimuthu

Chairman

Social Strategic Foundation (YSS), Malaysia

Prof. Dr. Akbaruddin Ahmad

Chairman PRC.bd

Chairman (Admn), NAPSIPAG

Vice Chancellor (Retd),

Darul Ihsan University,

Bangladesh

06/2019 Approval of Membership fee

It was unanimously approved USD 200/- as the Life Membership fee for the founder members of the APSPA. Each participating country will be allowed ten Founder Members. Additional enrolment fee of life members shall be USD 500/- or annually USD 100/- for five years.

07/2019 Approval of opening a Bank account in the name of APSPA

The Secretary and Treasurer are authorized to open a joint bank account in the name of Asia Pacific School Psychology Association at Kuala Lumpur according to their convenience and account details should be shared with the EC members by the end of March 2019.

08/2019 Approval of registration in Malaysia

The Secretary of APSPA is authorized to register the Association in Kuala Lumpur and registration details may be furnished to the EC members before March 2019.

09/2019 Approval for APSPA website

The President of APSPA is authorized to register a suitable domain name for the Association and launch it within a week for functioning of the APSPA website.

10/2019 Approval of the First International Conference on School Psychology in Colombo, Sri Lanka on 13-14 February 2020

It was unanimously approved to conduct the first International Conference on School Psychology at National Institute of Education (NIE), Colombo, Sri Lanka on 13 – 14 February 2020. Dr. Panch. Ramalingam, President, APSPA is authorized to proceed further to conduct the conference in collaboration with Sri Lanka School Psychology Association (SLSPA).

11/2019 Approval of Newsletter Editor

It was unanimously approved that Prof. Kamal Uddin, University of Dhaka shall be the Editor of the quarterly APSPA Newsletter.

12/2019 Any other item for approval

- 1. Each Executive Member is authorized to propose ten new members before 28th February 2019 for the approval of the Executive Council of the APSPA**
- 2. Unanimously approved to conduct the First General body meeting of the APSPA on 13.11.2019 at Pandit Deendayal Petroleum University, Gandhi Nagar, Gujarat, India.**

The meeting came to an end by proposing vote of thanks to the Chair.

(Dr.Panch. Ramalingam)
President