

Election Report DPI Pakistan

In the history of disability movement in Pakistan very first time organizations of Person with Disabilities participated in DPI Pakistan Elections from all over Pakistan especially from Balochistan province and A&J Kashmir on 3rd December 2007 at Beach Luxury Hotel Karachi. Total 59 applications received for DPI Pakistan membership from those 43 organizations participated in the National Assembly of DPI Pakistan (including 3 through nomination letters and three through telephone) and 8 organizations treated as observer organizations because those found organizations for Person with Disabilities. From 45 present organizations more than 200 delegates observed the DPI Pakistan National Assembly proceedings and elections. After a discussion amended constitution of DPI Pakistan approved by National Assembly and also election procedure approved according to the constitution.

From National Assembly 28 organizations elected as National Council members (8 from Punjab, 8 from Sindh, 5 From NWFP, 4 from Balochistan, 2 from Capital Islamabad and one from A&J Kashmir) still 8 organizations 3 from NWFP, 4 from Balochistan and one from A&J needed to complete 36 members National Council according to the constitution so remain seats left vacant with this commitment that in these provinces Organizations of Person with Disabilities developed. For National Council each province elected separately 8 members for National Council (Punjab & Sindh). Then National Council met and elected office bearers and members of executive committee among themselves, according to constitution. Direct election held on different positions, after voting following office bearers and members executive committee elected.

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| Muhammad Mobin | President |
| Ihsan-u-Allah | Vice President |
| Ali Mukhtar Jaffery | General Secretary |
| Muhammad Rafiq | Joint Secretary |
| Lal Bux | Finance Secretary |
| Abid Lashari | Member Executive Committee |
| Ghulam Mutaza | Member Executive Committee |
| S.M. Nishat | Member Executive Committee |

In this way first concrete step has been taken for strengthening National Organizations of Person with Disabilities in Pakistan. Organizations observed by Mrs. Judy Norbury and Ross Hunt from Canada. Ex-President DPI Pakistan Muhammad Atif Sheikh talked on telephone from UK to National Assembly. In his speech he congratulated for holding National Assembly for meeting and holding elections. He emphasized that any one who wins the elections must serve DPI Pakistan. As he will be back to Pakistan will work together with new office bearers.

