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PNG Ports CEO to continue as PCPA president

THE executives of the Pacific Countries Ports Association (PCPA) recently voted to suspend its presidential voting by-laws in order to keep its current president for another term.

PCPA's constitution does not allow for a president to serve as president of the association for more than two years in a row.

PNG Ports Corporation Limited's (PNGPCL) Chief Executive Officer, Mr. Brian Riches has been the president of PCPA since 2008 and heads into his third term this year (2010).

Mr. Riches was voted to be kept as the president at the PCPA executive and joint sub-committee meeting held on the 12th to the 14th of April this year in Suva, Fiji until the 36th PCPA conference that will be held in Papua New Guinea.

In re-electing Mr. Riches the executive cited that they wished for the changes championed by him to continue.

Under the leadership of Mr. Riches, PCPA formed sub-committees to deal with finance and investment, training, pilotage and engineering issues or projects for the respective PCPA member ports. Officially they are known as the Engineering Sub-Committee, Finance and Investment Sub-Committee, Training Sub-Committee and Pilotage Sub-Committee.

The sub-committees consist of representatives from member Ports in the Pacific and PNG Ports has three representatives, its Pilotage Manager, Captain John Nuga, Acting Engineering Manager, Mr. Vagi Eoima and Training Coordinator, Mr. Ata Bopele.

The Sub-Committees are tasked to identify port issues and or training programs/projects affecting their ports.


Each Sub-Committee has been tasked with three or four specific matters and will make presentations to update the members at this year's 35th PCPA Conference in Suva, Fiji.

Apart from discussing plans and making preparations for the 35th PCPA conference and the presidency at the recent executive meeting, members also met over Sub-committee projects, financial report and any other business including port issues, audits and port training needs, membership benefits, website, update on change structure for Pacific Maritime Association, constitution, certificates for attendees and plaques for members.

PCPA was set up in 1978 as the South Pacific Ports Association (SPPA) until it changed its name in 1999 to Association of Pacific Ports (APP) then in 2007 it adopted the name PCPA on becoming a regional group that promotes regional cooperation, friendship and understanding between member ports and port users through mutual association, exchange of knowledge and the dissemination of information useful to port administrations.

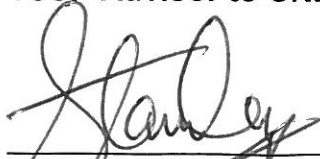
PCPA also promotes measures to increase efficiency and safety, facilitating harmonious development of ports in the region.

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