

**Consultation of the Public on the draft Pharmaceutical Society of Ireland (Council) (Amendment) Rules 2015**

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No.	SUBMISSION	PSI RESPONSE
<b>1.</b>	<b>Pamela Logan, Director of Pharmacy Services, IPU</b>	
	Thanks for this. We have no comment to make on these amendments, i.e. don't see any problems with it.	Noted
<b>2.</b>	<b>Joan Peppard , HPAI Executive</b>	
	<p>The document is not clear in procedural terms and appears contradictory in others.</p> <p>HPAI believes that co-opted members should go forward for election at the earliest possible opportunity.</p> <p><b>Some comments on the actual wording of the amendment</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. 17. (1) The election of a President and Vice-President of the Council shall take place at the first Council meeting which shall be held as soon as practicable after the 22nd of May in each year and the holding of an election shall ordinarily be the first item on the agenda of the meeting concerned.</li> </ol> <p><i>A roll call of those present and apologies should be the first and second order of business of the meeting.</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2. 17 (2) states that the election is by means of a postal ballot. This appears not to be the case as ballots can be 'posted' before the meeting</li> </ol> <p><i>This section should also refer to the election results and to the drawing of lots where two candidates are tied and not only to the 'holding of an election'</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>3. 17. (3) At the last meeting of the Council held before the 22nd of May in each year, the Council shall appoint a presiding officer, and an alternate presiding officer who is available to act in the event</li> </ol>	<p>Noted – legal review of Rules will consolidate and resolve any drafting issues in this regard.</p> <p>Noted – pharmacists joining the Council through appointment from the panel, as a result of a vacancy arising, will serve on Council in accordance with the term of office assigned to the Council member s/he is replacing</p> <p>Noted and agreed – this occurs in the normal course of Council meetings</p> <p>Noted – the intent of the rules is to enable all members of the Council to participate in the election of the President and Vice President. The ballot allows those not present to post votes in advance for inclusion in the election ballot (this not previously being the case), and those present to participate in the election in person, and as such as procedure currently exists.</p>

<p>that the presiding officer is not in a position to act and neither of whom shall be members of the Council.</p> <p><i>Is this intended to mean the last scheduled meeting of Council given that emergency meetings may be called?</i></p> <p>4. 17.(4) non pharmacists issue</p> <p><i>as per comment for 17.(3)</i></p> <p>5. 17 (6) (iii) a statement that the ballot papers shall be returned to the presiding officer in accordance with the instructions set out in subparagraphs (d) and (e) below or placed personally in the ballot box before the commencement of the Council meeting at which the elections are to take place</p> <p><i>The earlier paragraphs only refer to a postal ballot. Allowing ballot papers to be personally placed in the ballot box would appear to be a contradiction</i></p> <p>6. 17 . 6 (d)( ii) that the sealed inner envelope is to be placed within an outer cover envelope, upon which the voter is to, in the spaces provided— (A) write his or her name as it appears on the Register of Pharmacists, and (B)sign and date the envelope.</p> <p><i>In the event that the name is written differently to the way it appears on the register of Pharmacists will be vote be invalid?</i></p> <p>7. 17.6 (e)</p> <p><i>As per comment for 17 (6) (iii)</i></p> <p>It may also be helpful to clarify in these rules which of these roles are reserved for pharmacists.</p>	<p>Noted. This is the intended meaning. Council meetings are scheduled as agreed in advance before the start of each new year.</p> <p>Noted and agreed</p> <p>Noted - the intent of the rules is to enable all members of the Council to participate in the election of the President and Vice President. The ballot allows those not present to post votes in advance for inclusion in the election ballot, and those present to participate personally.</p> <p>Noted - the proposed rule has been amended to remove the requirement that the name must be specified as it appears on the Register of Pharmacists.</p> <p>Noted Noted - this is addressed in Schedule 1 of the Pharmacy Act 2007 and Rule 17(5) of the proposed rules where it is provided that a member of Council wishing to serve as President or Vice- President must also be a pharmacist.</p>
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