

Minutes for Public Council Meeting No. 44
Thursday 07 February 2013
10-12 Hogan Place, Dublin 2

The Public session of the 44th meeting of the Council of the Pharmaceutical Society of Ireland established under the Pharmacy Act, 2007 was held at 09.30am on Thursday 07 February 2013 at 10-12 Hogan Place, Dublin 2.

Present: Mr P Fahey, President, Mr E Hanly, Vice-President, Mr N Stenson, Ms M Ni Longáin, Ms L Clarke, Mr F O Cuinneagáin, Ms M Doherty, Dr A Frankish, Dr J Holohan, Ms D Larkin, Ms C O Driscoll, Mr J Corr, Ms I Kelleher, Mr J Collins, Mr J Brophy.

PSI staff: Ms C McGoldrick, Acting Registrar, Ms D Gaughan, Dr L Horgan, Mr J Bryan, Ms K O Flaherty, Mr T McGuinn, Mr T Reilly, Ms L Kielty, Ms S Shanahan, Mr S O hAodha, Ms D O Halloran.

1. Apologies: Professor K McDonald, Professor C O Boyle, Mr A Horan, Mr F Murphy, Mr K Hourihane, Ms R Purcell.

2. Declaration of Interests

The President referred to item 2 in the Council Agenda and reminded the Council members present of their responsibilities in this regard.

Paragraph 9 of Schedule 1 to the Pharmacy Act 2007, deals with the necessary disclosure of certain interests by members of the Council and by members of its various committees. Those requirements are also reflected in the Code of Conduct adopted for Council members which also requires that they “be honest and open with regard to conflicts of interest (either real or perceived). Members must not use their position for personal gain in either business, political or social relationships. Therefore, a member who has, or may be perceived to have, such a personal interest in a particular matter under consideration should declare that interest, withdraw from all discussions relating to it and take no part in any vote on such matter.”

A copy of paragraph 9 of Schedule 1 to the Act, relating to the disclosure of certain interests is therefore included and all members of the Committee are strongly advised to familiarise themselves with its contents.

3. Draft Minutes of Public Council meeting No. 43 held on 04 December 2012

The President sought approval of the minutes of meeting No. 43 held on 04 December 2012. The minutes were unanimously approved on the proposal of Ms I Kelleher seconded by Mr F O Cuinneagáin.

The President expressed condolences to the family of Mr Dominic Dowling who worked as a Solicitor for the PSI for many years and who sadly passed away recently. The President expressed the Council’s sincere gratitude for the excellent work carried out by Mr Dowling for the PSI over many years.

3.1 Registrar's Report

Ms McGoldrick presented the Registrar's Report to Council, outlining on-going work of the organisation and progress on policy matters

3.2 Appointment of accreditation panel members ("the Visitors") for accreditation visits to University College Cork and Trinity College Dublin in February and March 2013

The President invited Mr N Stenson to update Council on the appointment of accreditation panel members. Mr Stenson confirmed that a similar exercise had been carried out in October 2012 for the RCSI. Two memos to Council were circulated prior to the meeting. The accreditation panel for TCD remained unchanged. In relation to UCC, an Academic Pharmacist based in the School of Pharmacy, Trinity College, has now been appointed and a memo to this effect was circulated prior to the meeting.

There were no questions and as the appointment of "The Visitors" to the accreditation panels had been delegated by Council to the PD&L Committee, the names were being submitted to Council today for its information.

3.3 Project implementation update for the five-year fully integrated Master's Degree in Pharmacy

Mr N Stenson noted that a special delivery group was set up to focus on project implementation for the five-year fully integrated Master's degree in Pharmacy. Mr Stenson advised that the group is facilitated by PA Consulting. The first workshop was held in December 2012 and much progress has been made since then. The RCSI, UCC and TCD attended. Mr Stenson said that the schools of pharmacy are committed to implementing the five-year fully integrated degree programme; however, it will most likely be 2014 before the first intake to the Schools. It was agreed that the issue of placements cannot be discussed until a start date for the programme is agreed.

Mr Stenson thanked Dr L Horgan and Ms K O Flaherty for their work in organising the roadshows and said they are an ideal opportunity to showcase the core competency work.

3.4 Update on the Irish Institute of Pharmacy

Ms McGoldrick stated that significant progress has been made in relation to the Irish Institute of Pharmacy. She advised that funding would now be routed through the Department of Health and that the PSI was in discussion with the Department and the HSE in relation to the Governance structures for the Institute.

3.5 Draft policy on the Safekeeping of Medicines and Associated Records during Pharmacy Cleaning and/or Merchandising

Further to the Council meeting on 04 December 2012, a draft policy on the Safekeeping of Medicines and Associated Records during Pharmacy Cleaning and/or Merchandising has been drafted and circulated to Council.

The Council approved the attached document subject to 2 editorial changes.

- (i) Changing the words “A non-pharmacist staff member” to a “member of staff...”
- (ii) Delete the word “unauthorised” bullet 5 indent 1.

Subject to said changes being made, the Council approved the document for publication on the PSI website.

3.6 Appointment of Authorised Officer under Section 67 of the Pharmacy Act for the purposes of conducting inspections under section 19 of the Pharmacy Act 2007

Ms Clarke proposed that Mr. Gerard Moore, Specialist Surveyor with the PSI, be appointed to Authorised Officer of the PSI for the purpose of conducting inspections under section 19 of the Pharmacy Act.

Council unanimously approved the appointment of Mr Gerard Moore as an Authorised Officer under Section 67 of the Pharmacy Act for the purposes of conducting inspections under section 19 of the Pharmacy Act 2007 only. This motion was proposed by Ms D Larkin and seconded by Dr A Frankish.

The meeting concluded at 10.30am.