

The 9<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Pharmaceutical Society of Ireland established pursuant to the Pharmacy Act 2007 was held at 5pm on 16th December 2008 in the offices of the PSI, 18 Shrewsbury Road, Dublin 4.

Council Members present: Dr. B. Leddy (President), Mr. B. Hayes (Vice President), Dr. W. Boles, Mr. R. Durkin, Mr. P. Fahey, Ms. N. Harvey, Ms. I. Kelleher, Ms. M. Ní Longáin, Prof. J. Nunn, Mr. D. O'Loughlin, Ms N. O'Sullivan.

Council Members participating by tele-conference: Ms. C. Hallahan, Mr. C. Fagan, Prof. P. Weedle, Ms. R. Purcell (the identity of those participating was confirmed by the President).

PSI Corporate Management in attendance: Dr. A. McLoughlin (Registrar), Ms. J. Aylward, Mr. J. Bryan, Ms. D. Gaughan, Ms. L. Horgan, Ms. M. Kinsella, Ms. K. O'Flaherty, Ms. S. O'Keefe, Dr. C. Stokes.

1. **Apologies:**

Mr. C. Deasy, Prof. J. Feely, Dr. P. Gallagher, Ms. D. Larkin, Ms. P. O'Neill.

2. **Draft Minutes of Council Meeting of 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2008.**

**(Appendix A: Sent 9<sup>th</sup> December 2008)**

Approval of the draft minutes was proposed and seconded:

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| 1. | Prof. J. Nunn | 2. | Mr. D. O'Loughlin |
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**Action<sup>1</sup>: Office of the Registrar**

**2.1 Amendment to Motions No. 1, 3, 5 & 8: Correction of Typographical Error (Registrar)**

The Registrar specified that there had been a typographical error in the Motions numbered 1, 3, 5 and 8 which were passed by Council on 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2008. The date in the opening paragraph should be amended to read '25<sup>th</sup> day of September 2007' not '25<sup>th</sup> day of September 2008'. Also, bullet point no. 9 of Motion to Council Resolution No. 3 of 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2008 should read: 'To represent the Council, at its request, nationally and internationally in matters of registration and qualification recognition' instead of 'pharmaceutical education and CPD'.

**3.0 Motion for Code of Conduct for Pharmacists (Appendix D: Sent 9<sup>th</sup> December 2008)**

The President invited Ms N. Harvey to propose a Motion to give effect to the Code of Conduct for pharmacists and Vice-President Brendan Hayes to second the Motion. Ms Harvey indicated that the Code would be promulgated to the profession in 2009.

The text of the motion was read to Council in that in pursuance of the powers vested in it by the Pharmacy Act 2007 and in particular by Sections 7(2)(a)(iii), 12 and 76 the Council, having submitted the draft Code of Conduct for Pharmacists to the Competition Authority for its comment in accordance with section 12(1) and having obtained the Minister for Health & Children's consent to the said Code in accordance with section 12(3), hereby gives effect to the Code of Conduct for Pharmacists

The Motion was passed unanimously.

1. Ms. N. Harvey
2. Mr. B. Hayes

## **Action<sup>2</sup>: Standards & Practice Unit**

### **3.1. PSI Service Plan 2009 (Appendix B: Sent 9<sup>th</sup> December 2008)**

The Registrar introduced the 2009 Service Plan and gave a brief background to the PSI's mission for 2009. He indicated that the expectation is that Part 6 of the Pharmacy Act will be commenced by the Minister for Health and Children in early 2009. The Service Plan takes account of major elements of the Pharmacy Act 2007 and Pharmacy Ireland 2020. Focus will be placed on pharmacy undergraduate and vocational education and training with a major overhaul of the education system. Parts 5 and 7 of the Act are now in place, allowing the PSI to ensure that pharmacy systems are safe and that high quality patient care is provided. The Registrar indicated that Dr Deirdre Madden, Chair of the Patient Safety Commission, will be invited to address Council early in 2009. The Registrar also praised the work of the Irish Centre for Continuing Pharmaceutical Education, and confirmed the PSI will work closely with the ICCPE in 2009 to further the provision of continuing pharmacy education in the State. The Registrar concluded by urging Council to approve the Service Plan.

The President invited comment from Council members present. Council commended PSI staff on their hard work in preparing the document, and on the quality of the document. The Service Plan was unanimously approved by Council.

The Registrar indicated that he would like, with the support and endorsement of Council, to recommend to the Minister for Health and Children the establishment of a high level strategic policy review group or taskforce which would consider how best to deliver affordable, accessible and cost-effective pharmacy services into the future.

### **3.1 Property Matters (Address by Registrar)**

The Registrar reported that Colliers Jackson Stops have received an offer on the PSI property in Northumberland Road, and this offer will be examined more closely in the New Year. The Registrar indicated that he is not in a position at this point to bring firm proposals to the Property Committee on the options available regarding the PSI properties but hopes to do so in early 2009, when all the options have been examined. He has also had discussions and formal correspondence with the Department of Health and Children regarding the announcement of the PSI's Capital Gains Tax obligations in the Finance Bill.

### **3.2 Memorandum of Understanding with IMB (Appendix C: Sent 9<sup>th</sup> December 2008)**

The Registrar formally thanked both Mr. Pat O'Mahony, Chief Executive of the IMB, for his co-operation and Dr. Cheryl Stokes of the PSI for her work in preparing the document. He reported that the management and Board of the IMB had also approved the document. The Vice President strongly proposed approval of the document. The Memorandum of Understanding with the IMB was unanimously approved.

Proposed and Seconded:

1. Mr. B. Hayes
2. Ms. M. Ní Longáin

### **3.3 Address by Dr John Hillery, Chair of the Audit Committee.**

The PSI Council approved the Charter for the Audit Committee at their last meeting on the 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2008 and the President thanked the chairman of the Committee at this stage for all the work performed by the Committee to date. Dr. Hillery then addressed Council and outlined to them the work of the Audit Committee. He named the members: Mr. Ray Doran, Mr. Aidan Horan, Ms. Michelle Ní Longáin, Ms. Kate Mulvenna, Mr. Tom McGuinn, and PSI management support Ms. Sinead O’Keeffe. Dr Hillery reported that they had met four times in the past year.

The President said that Council looked forward to receiving the report commissioned by the Audit Committee and undertaken by the internal auditors Crowleys DFK on ICT and a special risk assessment report will also be prepared by Crowleys DFK. The outcome of the risk assessment will result in an updated internal audit plan.

Dr. Hillery indicated that a number of audits will take place in 2009 and he will then be better able to outline the risks facing the PSI and how they will be handled. Dr. Hillery then answered questions from Council members.

The Registrar concluded the address by thanking Dr. Hillery for taking the time to attend the meeting, and also thanked him for his role as Chair of the Audit Committee.

The President and Registrar wished Council and staff a happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

The meeting adjourned at 6.20pm.

**Dr Ambrose McLoughlin**  
**REGISTAR**