

COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on Friday 20 April 2007 at 1 Lambeth High Street,
London, SE1

PUBLIC BUSINESS

Present

President	Mr H Patel
Vice-President	Mr G Alexander
Treasurer	Mr J Jolley

Mr M Astbury	Mr J Buisson
Mr D Carter	Dr B Curwain
Mr S Dajani	Professor S Denyer
Mrs D Drury	Mrs D Eustace
Dr P Entwistle	Mr J Gentle
Mr A Gush	Mr J Hanlon
Mrs C Hunt	Mrs L Jacobs
Mr A Kershaw	Professor B Michell
Mrs L Morgan	Mr G Phillips
Mr C Ranshaw	Mr D Simpson
Mr D Thomson	

In attendance

Dr Rose Marie Parr, Chairman, Scottish Pharmacy Board

07/30 Apologies for absence

Ms S Agha, Mrs S Hikins, Mr R Jobling, Ms M Saunders, Professor M Schofield, Mr S Wells

07/31 Declaration of interests

The President reminded Council members that declarations of interest should be made by individual Council members at the beginning of the relevant item.

07/32 Renewal of the Pharmacy Practice Research Trust Grant 2007 – 2011.

Dr Sue Ambler, Head of Research & Development, Acting Director Education & Registration, introduced paper 07.03/C/23, which had been deferred from the meeting held on 27/28 March 2007, and had been re-circulated to Council members.

In October 2006, Council had agreed the main strategic issues for development through research and the principles of the research strategy for 2007-2011, and that £250,000 be allocated for commissioned research and £71,300 for communication and governance.

Council commended the progress to date and affirmed that research would continue to be an important part of the Society's future work. The Society's research work had provided useful evidence on which to base the future development of pharmacy policy and many initiatives in practice. However, following the publication of the White Paper '*The Regulation of Health Professionals in the 21st Century*', and the Council's work towards developing a future professional body, there were concerns about making a 5 year commitment. Council was informed that, although a 3 year programme would have some implications for commissioning timetable, it would be possible to develop a programme that could be reviewed and, if necessary, commissioning stopped after three years. Dr Ambler undertook to consult the Council's committees and the national Pharmacy Boards in order to identify emerging priorities post White Paper and to focus the Trust's work to specifically inform the Council's work on a future professional body. It was also confirmed by Mr. Kelly that there would be no impact on available resources as the funding would derive from Gift in Kind arrangements already in place with the Trust. Dr Ambler also undertook that the Trust would provide quarterly update reports to the Council and if time allowed make more presentations on the research as it progressed.

The Secretary & Registrar confirmed that the governance of the Trust was clearly set out in its governing documents, accounting arrangements and accountability to the Charity Commission, but that going forward arrangements with the Trust would be duly considered as part of the discussion of changes to the Society.

Council

recognised

- i the progress made through the Trust in commissioning and bringing to completion an integrated over-arching research programme and managing the Society's 2002–2006 Research strategy, and

agreed

- ii. that a Grant Agreement with the Pharmacy Practice Research Trust be entered into for three years, with a review at year three and the possibility of an extension for an additional two years following. The Trust would continue in its duties of commissioning, management and governance of the agreed 2007–2011 strategy and associated restricted research budget commencing October 2007.
- iii. to continue to support the Trust through the provision of administration costs of £71,300 (£62K from previous agreement plus 15%) to cover communication and governance commencing October 2007.
- iv. to support costs as represented by a proportion of the Research & Development Division's staff costs and related overheads as an annual Gift in Kind.
- v. to the Trust's continued guardianship of the annual restricted Galen grant
- vi. to the Trust's continued guardianship of the Sir Hugh Linstead Fellowship.

07/33 Professor Michael Schofield

The President asked the Council to note that Professor Michael Schofield would retire from the Council in May and thanked him for his exceptional contribution to the Council and the Society since his appointment by the Privy Council in 1999. Professor Schofield had served as Chairman and member of Infringements Committee and Chairman of Remuneration Committee and on several other Council committees and working groups. The Council had benefited from his extensive experience of management and governance and his strong commitment to the Society and the profession. His contributions at Council had always been pertinent, well grounded and informed by best practice from the wider world, and frequently humorous. The Society would continue to benefit from Professor Schofield's expertise as he had been appointed as a member of the new Investigating Committee. The President and the Council expressed their thanks and good wishes to Professor Schofield.

07/34 Infringements Committee

The President asked the Council to note that the Infringements Committee had met for the last time on 26 March. He thanked Dr Entwistle, Chairman of Infringements Committee and the Committee members for their work in implementing the Council policies and for helping to inform future policies.

Dr Entwistle thanked the Council for its appreciation of their work and paid tribute to the members of the Committee over the years for their commitment and effort and to the extremely competent and professional staff who had supported the Committee over the years. She wished the new Investigating Committee well in taking forward the work.

Mr Colin Ranshaw, member of Infringements Committee, thanked Dr Entwistle for leading and guiding the Committee over the years.

The President closed the public meeting.