

## PUBLIC BUSINESS

### COUNCIL

**Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 14 February 2008 at 1 Lambeth High Street, London, SE1**

#### Present

President	Mr H Patel
Vice-President	Mr M Astbury
Treasurer	Mr A Gush
Mr S Acres	Mr G Alexander
Mrs C Brown	Mr J Buisson
Mr David Carter	Mr S Churton
Dr B Curwain	Mrs D Drury
Dr P Entwistle	Mr J Gentle
Mr J Hanlon	Mrs S Hikins
Mrs L Jacobs	Mr J Jolley
Mr A Kershaw	Mrs S Kilby
Professor B Michell	Mrs L Morgan
Mr G Phillips	Ms J Ramsey
Ms M Saunders	Mr D Thomson

#### In attendance

Mr P Jones, Chairman Welsh Pharmacy Board and Dr RM Parr, Chairman, Scottish Pharmacy Board.

Mr J Holmes, Chief Executive & Registrar

#### 08/04 Apologies for absence

Ms S Agha, Mrs M Allan, Professor S Denyer, Mr R Jobling, Mr D Simpson

#### 08/05 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.

#### 08/06 Batch 2 of the regulations – update

Mrs Christine Gray, Head of Corporate Governance, introduced paper 08.02/C/02, which had been circulated. At the time that the Council had agreed the policy to inform the regulations on emeritus awards, it had been anticipated that the Society would continue as an integrated regulator and professional body. Those awards had aimed to recognise the contribution that former fellows or former long-standing members of the Society had made. However, what had been possible whilst the Society remained the regulator, had not been what was wanted. An individual with an emeritus award would be neither a member nor a pharmacist, nor able to use any post-nominal relating to their award. The comments in response to the gazetting had highlighted those limitations.

Now, with the development of the professional body, there was an opportunity to potentially send a much more positive message to those people at whom the emeritus award had been aimed by working towards the development of an alumni or emeritus cohort for the professional body.

Concerns were raised about the titles “pharmacist” and “member/fellow of the RPSGB” being restricted under the Medicines Act 1968 and noted for future consideration.

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**agreed**

- i. to adjust section 12 of Batch 2 of the regulations to include only those provisions relating to honorary members and honorary fellows before submitting the regulations for Privy Council approval,
- ii. to ask the Professional Body Taskforce to develop proposals for an alumni/ emeritus offering as appropriate as an integral part of the wider work towards a new professional body, in the light of the findings of the Clarke Inquiry, and
- iii. to circulate the relevant documentation setting out the development of the policy on emeritus awards.

**08/07 Any other business: Mr Andrew Gardner, Head of Registration**

The President thanked Mr Gardner for his work for the Society over the past several years as Head of Registration and, on behalf of the Council, wished him well in his new post.

The President closed the public business of the Council.