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**Unconfirmed Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the Faculty of
Pharmaceutical Medicine held at the Royal College of Physicians, London, on
Monday 17th November 2008 at 1.30pm hrs.**

1. Welcome

The President welcomed members to the meeting.

2. Observance of a period of silence in memory of members who had died

The Faculty was not aware of any members who had died during the past twelve months.

3. Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from 60 members.

4. Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 29th November 2007

These were approved as an accurate record of the meeting.

5. Board Elections 2008

The Registrar reported that the elections had been affected by the transitional arrangements put in place by the Board to facilitate the change to the new constitution due to take place in 2009. The new committee structure would be implemented in January 2009 following a successful process of open appointments to the committees which had taken place earlier in 2008.

5.1 Vice President

The Registrar reported that Dr Stephen Hobbiger would complete a maximum of two terms of office as Vice President at this AGM. Earlier in 2008 nominations had been sought from the Fellows and Members of the Faculty for the election of a new Vice President. By the closing date of 15 August 2008 no nominations had been received. At its last meeting on 30th September 2008 the Board had, in the absence of any nominations from the membership and in accordance with Standing Orders, elected Dr Richard Tiner FFPM as Vice President for a one year term.

5.2 Election of a Faculty Member (MFPM) as an Ordinary Member of the Board

The Registrar reported that earlier in 2008 nominations had been sought from the Fellows and Members of the Faculty for the election of a Member (MFPM) as an Ordinary Member of the Board. By the closing date of 15 August 2008 no nominations had been received. At its last meeting on 30th September 2008 the Board had agreed that this seat would remain vacant for the present time in view of the ongoing transition to the new constitution.

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5.3 Appointment of three trustees to the Board under the transitional arrangements

The Registrar reported that, under the transitional arrangements put in place to facilitate the change to the new constitution, a process to appoint three trustees from the Fellowship and Membership had taken place earlier in 2008. Two appointments had been made by the Board; Professor Geoffrey Barker FFPM and Dr David Gillen MFPM. Professor Barker and Dr Gillen would take up office following the introduction of the new constitution. The Board had agreed that the third seat would remain vacant at the present time.

5.4 Registrar

It was reported that the Registrar, Dr Jane Zuckerman, had been elected by the Board for a further one-year term under the transitional arrangements.

5.5 Retiring Ordinary Board Members

It was reported that Dr Andrew Hockey and Dr Oswald Morton would now leave the Board having completed their terms of office.

5.6 Advocacy Committee

The Registrar reported that appointments to the new Advocacy Committee had been made as follows; Dr Keith Bragman (Chairperson), Dr John Bolodeoku, Dr Alex Kudrin, Dr Vinay Patroe, Dr Neil Snowise, Dr Jit Solanki, Dr Deborah Stephenson, Dr Jonathan Stewart, Dr Michael Thompson and Dr Siân Walker.

5.6 Education Committee

The Registrar reported that appointments had been made to the Education Committee in addition to the ex-officio appointments as follows; Dr Alan Boyd (Chairperson), Dr Joseph Chiesa, Dr Allison Jeynes-Ellis, Dr Pimprapa Kon, Dr Mark Layton and Dr Nadarajah Sreeharan.

5.7 Trainees' Subcommittee

The Registrar reported that appointments to the new Trainees' Subcommittee had been made as follows; Dr Julie Beynon (Chairperson), Dr Barnabas Edohasim, Dr Andrew Fowler, Dr Christopher Garratt, Dr Daniel O'Connor, Dr Colin Hayward, Dr Cheryl Key, Dr Amanda Oliver, Dr Vadim Romanov, Dr Asim Shafiq, Dr Monica Shaw and Dr Kamlesh Sheth.

5.8 International Committee

The Registrar reported that additional appointments had been made to the International Committee as follows; Dr Pipasha Biswas, Dr David Boyko, Dr Raymond Chua Swee Boon, Dr Pankaj Goyal, Dr Neil Mackillop, Dr Ritu Sahni, Dr Paul Slade and Dr Andrew Uprichard.

5.9 Ethical Issues Subcommittee

The Registrar reported that additional appointments had been made to the Ethical Issues Subcommittee as follows; Dr Teresa Improta Brears and Dr Maya Morris.

6. Fellowship Committee 2008

6.1 Honorary Fellowship

The Registrar reported that on 3rd June 2008 the Board had elected Professor Sir Graeme Catto and Professor Sir Gordon Duff to Honorary Fellowship.

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6.2 Honorary Membership

The Registrar reported that on 3rd June 2008 the Board had elected Dr Robert Skinner to Honorary Membership.

6.3 Membership by Distinction

The Registrar reported that on 3rd June 2008 the Board had elected Dr Pipasha Biswas to Membership by Distinction.

6.4 Fellowship

The Registrar reported that on 3rd June 2008 the Board had elected Dr Dereck Amakye, Dr James Anderson, Dr Andrzej Czarnecki, Dr Sarah Daniels, Dr David Gordon, Dr Juliet Roberts, Dr Graham Ross, Dr Julian Schofield, Dr Rafe Suvarna, Dr Jennifer Sykes and Dr Jörg Täubel to Fellowship.

7. Presidents Address

A summary of the President's address will be published in the Spring 2009 supplement of the Faculty Newsletter.

8. Open Session for Questions on Received Reports

A question was raised regarding proposed new legislation in the United Kingdom to re-open a route allowing NHS consultants, who had not done so when it was established, to apply for direct entry to the Specialist Register. It was confirmed that further details from the GMC were awaited but that it was not anticipated that this route would be applicable to pharmaceutical physicians.

A number of questions were raised regarding the new Diploma in Human Pharmacology Programme. With reference to the fact that many principal investigators, with many years of experience in their roles, may not fully meet the entry criteria it was clarified that the programme was currently optional and for those who did not have the required duration of previous relevant clinical experience, a system that would allow individuals, under certain circumstances, to supplement this by undertaking clinical attachments was under consideration. It was also planned that, under certain circumstances, programme participants would be able to present evidence of previous phase 1 experience for evaluation as part of the programme.

9. Appointment of External Auditors for current financial year

Members present approved the re-appointment of Sayer Vincent as external auditors for the current financial year ending 31st December 2008.

10. Any Other Business

There was no other business

11. Date of Annual General Meeting 2008

This was confirmed as Friday 20th November 2009 at the Royal College of Physicians, London. Time to be confirmed.

12. Close of Proceedings

The President thanked those present for attending and closed the meeting.

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