

ENGLISH PHARMACY BOARD MEETING – OPEN BUSINESS

Minutes of the open meeting held on Wednesday 2 February 2022 at 11.45, by Zoom.

Present:

English Pharmacy Board

Thorrún Govind (TG) Chair, Martin Astbury (MA) Vice Chair, Claire Anderson (CA), Sibby Buckle (SB), David Carter (DC), Ciara Duffy (CD), Mary Evans (ME), Alisdair Jones (AJ), Michael Maguire (MM), Erutase (Tase) Oputu (TO), Duncan Petty (DP), Paul Summerfield (PS), Tracey Thornley (TT), Andre Yeung (AY)

In attendance:

RPS Staff

Paul Bennett (PB) Chief Executive, Sarah Crawshaw (SC) CPhO Fellow to the RPS, Yvonne Dennington (YD) Business Manager, England, Amandeep Doll (AD) Head of Professional Belonging; John Lunny (JL), Public Affairs Lead England, Ravi Sharma (RS) Director for England, Rachael Taylor (RTay) RPS Connect Support Manager, Robbie Turner (RT) (Director of Pharmacy and Member Experience, Heidi Wright (HW) Practice and Policy Lead for England.

In Attendance

Bella Shah, President BPSA
Alex Scarbo Vice President BPSA
RPS member observers

Apologies

No apologies received

22/02/EPB.01	<p>Welcome</p> <p>Board members and staff were welcomed to the English Pharmacy Board meeting to discuss one agenda item on “Elections – number of nominees for a candidate” and an item of AOB.</p>	
22/02/EPB.02	<p>Elections – number of nominees for a candidate (paper 22.02/EPB.01)</p> <p>The English Pharmacy Board noted paper 22.02/EPB.01.</p> <p>The Chair introduced the paper and invited Board members to put their points forward. Some of the points made included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It is not difficult to find 10 nominees • Surprised Scotland and Wales require only 3 and 1 nominee(s) – this is inequitable as Scotland and Wales have an equal share of the voice – should not be to do with the population of the constituency • 10 is a reasonable number, others felt it should be reduced • It is not easy to check who are members of the RPS – some pharmacists believe they are members but when checked are not on the database • Lower number could help early career pharmacists who may not have a wide network to call upon • If a candidate cannot find 10 nominators then they may not be right for the role • If numbers are reduced it could have an impact on the number of candidates applying with the knock-on effect of voters having to sift through a lot of information before casting their votes • In future, RPS Connect, could help with establishing who are members and widen potential candidates’ networks <p>In the spirit of the previously adopted change to the Regulations re capturing the names of those who vote (Agenda item 6 – Standing Orders -Voting), the Chair requested a vote be taken and Board members agreed.</p>	

	<p>The result of the vote is as follows:</p> <p>Reduce to 5 nominees – 6 votes were received from the following Board members</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sibby Buckle • Ciara Duffy • Michael Maguire • Tase Oputu • Paul Summerfield <p>• Retain the status quo of 10 nominees – 8 votes received from the following Board members:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Claire Anderson • Martin Astbury • David Carter • Thorrun Govind • Alisdair Jones • Duncan Petty • Tracey Thornley • Andre Yeung <p>It was therefore agreed to retain the status quo of 10 nominees.</p>	
22.02/EPB.03	<p>Any other Business</p> <p>Vaccination as a condition of deployment (VCOD) Board members have been made aware of a letter issued by NHSE & I providing an update on the vaccination as a condition of deployment (VCOD) for all healthcare workers.</p> <p>The RPS will continue to strongly encourage pharmacists to take the vaccination as per its policy statement and keep a watching brief on this issue.</p>	

22.02/EPB.04	<p>Board members and guests were thanked for joining the meeting and for their contributions.</p> <p>The Chair reminded guests that they could contact her on thorrun.govind@rpharms.com or use the RPS twitter handle @rpharms</p> <p>The meeting closed at 12:15.</p>	
22.02/EPB.05	<p>Dates of next NPB meetings:</p> <p>National Pharmacy Board Induction/Working day –21 June 2022 National Pharmacy Board meeting –22 June 2022 National Pharmacy Board meeting –29 September 2022</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• EPB – there is an option for an additional board day if required.• SPB and WPB have the option for 1 additional working day.	