



## ASSOCIATION OF HOSPITAL CHIEF EXECUTIVES

### AHCE AGM on 8<sup>th</sup> November 2007

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#### **Present:**

Derek Greene, AHCE Chairman, CEO, National Rehabilitation Hospital  
Gerard O'Callaghan, AHCE Honorary Treasurer, CEO, South Infirmary Victoria Hospital  
Ethel McKenna, AHCE Honorary Secretary, CEO, St. Francis Hospice  
Nicky Jermyn, CEO, St. Vincent's University Hospital  
Lorcan Birthistle, CEO, St Luke's Hospital  
Liam Duffy, CEO, Beaumont Hospital  
Pat Smyth, CEO, Leopardstown Park Hospital  
Pat Madden, CEO, Mercy University Hospital  
Michael Lenihan, CEO, National Maternity Hospital  
Teresa Ayres, CEO, Orthopaedic Hospital of Ireland  
Robin Mullan, CEO, Peamount Hospital  
Graham Knowles, CEO, Royal Hospital Donnybrook  
Tim Kennelly, CEO, St. John's Hospital  
Paul Cunniffe, CEO, Children's Hospital  
Brian Murray, CEO, Dublin Dental Hospital  
Fintan Fagan, CEO, Rotunda Hospital  
Ned Byrne, St. Vincent's Hospital

#### **Apologies:**

Pat Quinlan, CEO, Milford Care Centre  
Mo Flynn, CEO, Our Lady's Hospice  
Michael Lyons, CEO, Our Lady's Hospital for Sick Children  
Kevin O'Dwyer, CEO, St. Patrick's Hospital  
Michael Redmond, CEO, St. Vincent's Private Hospital  
Aida Whyte, CEO, Royal Victoria Eye and Ear Hospital  
Michael Lyons, CEO, Adelaide and Meath Hospital  
Aidan Gleeson, CEO, Cappagh Orthopaedic Hospital  
Paul Kiely, CEO, Central Remedial Clinic  
John Ryan, Coombe Women's Hospital  
Brian Conlon, CEO, Mater Misericordiae Hospital  
Eddie Ryan, St. Patrick's Centre

#### **1. Update by Gabriel Daly, Beauchamp Solicitors - Management of MRSA Claims**

Gabriel Daly, Beauchamp Solicitors, updated the membership with regard to MRSA claims handling. The role of Beauchamps has now ceased and the Clinical Indemnity Scheme are actively involved. Solicitors nominated to represent CIS are Arthur Cox & Co., who wish to take over the handling of all claims made against the relevant hospitals pursuant to contraction of MRSA.

It was agreed that a letter would be sent to Professor Brendan Drumm, HSE, stating the concern of the CEOs regarding the lack of sufficient financial resources to address the overall matter of MRSA in the relevant hospitals. He will be informed that the issue of resources needs to be discussed in greater detail before the prosecution of claims goes any further.

#### **2. Minutes of Annual General Meeting held on 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2006.**

The minutes were approved, as circulated, with one amendment to record the election of Tim Kennelly as a member of the Executive Committee.  
(Proposed by P. Madden and seconded by L. Duffy)



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### 3. Report of Chairman

The Chairman tabled his Report at the meeting covering:

The work of the Executive over the past year

- Role and relationship with HSE
- Working Groups, taskforces and various groups
- O'Brien Review Body Report and Salary Review

Chairman's Report approved. (Proposed by P. Smyth and seconded by P. Cunniffe)

### 4. Report of Treasurer

- Report tabled by the Treasurer and approved.

(Proposed by T. Kennelly and seconded by B. Murray)

### 5. Report of Executive Committee

- Verbal report provided by the Chairman on matters including PRA and 4% increase, with additional input from Tim Kennelly on these matters. The AHCE Website will be reviewed by the Executive in the coming months. The Executive proposes to meet with the Chairs of the HR Manager and Financial Controller Groups to review role and relationship.

### 6. Election of Officers

- Chair:** D. Greene. Proposed by G. Knowles and seconded by E. McKenna. Elected.
- Honorary Treasurer:** G. O Callaghan. Proposed by G. Knowles and seconded by D. Greene. Elected.
- Honorary Secretary:** E. McKenna. Proposed by G. Knowles and seconded by D. Greene. Elected.
- Executive Committee:** M. Lenihan, T. Kennelly, A. Gleeson, G. Knowles, L. Duffy and A. Whyte.

An additional member to be co-opted to replace M. Lyons, OLHSC, who has resigned.

### 7. Membership Fees for 2008

Agreed to hold fee at " 200 per annum.

### 8. Annual Conference 2008

- Agreed Kilkenny as venue
- Agreed 15<sup>th</sup> May 2008
- Executive Committee to agree agenda and guest speaker.

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**ETHEL MCKENNA**  
**HONORARY SECRETARY - AHCE**