



## ASSOCIATION OF HOSPITAL CHIEF EXECUTIVES

### **AHCE Annual General Meeting 5<sup>th</sup> November 2009 The Kilkenny Rivercourt Hotel**

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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  
Liam Duffy, CEO, Beaumont Hospital  
Aidan Gleeson, CEO, Cappagh Orthopaedic Hospital  
Pat O'Boyle, CEO, National Maternity Hospital  
Robin Mullan, CEO, Peaumont Hospital  
Pat Quinlan, CEO, Milford Care Centre  
Kevin O'Dwyer, CEO, St. Patrick's Hospital  
Ned Byrne, CEO, St. Vincent's Hospital  
Graham Knowles, CEO, Royal Hospital Donnybrook  
Ann Broekhoven, CEO, St. Luke's Hospital  
Pat Madden, CEO, Mercy University Hospital

#### **Apologies:**

Lorcan Birthistle, CEO, Our Lady's Hospital for Sick Children  
Pauline Treanor, CEO, Rotunda Hospital  
Michael Lyons, CEO, Adelaide and Meath Hospital  
Paul Kiely, CEO, Central Remedial Clinic  
John Ryan, CEO, Coombe Women's Hospital  
Brian Conlon, CEO, Mater Misericordiae Hospital  
Eddie Ryan, CEO, St. Patrick's Centre  
Teresa Ayres, CEO, Orthopaedic Hospital of Ireland  
Paul Cunniffe, CEO, Children's Hospital  
Mo Flynn, CEO, Our Lady's Hospice  
Brian Murray, CEO, Dublin Dental Hospital  
Pat Smyth, CEO, Leopardstown Park Hospital  
Sean O'Healy, CEO, Galway Hospice

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#### **1. Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 7<sup>th</sup> November 2008**

The minutes were approved, as circulated.

(Proposed by Ann Broekhoven and seconded by Nicky Jermyn)

#### **2. Report of Chairman**

The Chairman spoke on issues contained in his Report. The Chairman welcomed Mrs. Pat O'Boyle to her first A.G.M. and acknowledged the retirees – Ms. Aida Whyte, Mr. Tim Kennelly and Mr. Michael Lenihan.

#### **3. Report of Treasurer**

Report circulated by Ger O'Callaghan, Honorary Treasurer.

(Proposed by Liam Duffy and seconded by Pat Madden)

#### **4. Report of Executive Committee**

##### ***Voluntary Hospitals Membership of IBEC***

Nicky Jermyn updated the meeting and advised that our involvement with IBEC is important and in the main they understand our requirements. The HSE are pushing for the voluntary hospitals to come out of IBEC membership. However, IBEC are keen to continue to represent the voluntary hospitals sector. It was agreed, in principle, that membership of IBEC would continue and a small group will work with them to ensure that our requirements are met. It may be possible to achieve a further reduction in cost to retain our membership of IBEC. A fee for the total group of AHCE members should be agreed and Derek Greene, Aidan Gleeson and Nicky Jermyn undertook to negotiate a reduced fee with IBEC.

##### ***Service Level Agreement***

Discussions have concluded and the revised Service Level Agreement being circulated. Liam Duffy, Aidan Gleeson, Nicky Jermyn and Derek Greene gave updates on the outcome of negotiations. In general, Brendan Drumm and Ger Crowley welcomed the interaction with Chairs and CEOs. It was agreed that the Service Level Agreement was an appropriate issue to bring to the Chairs of the Voluntary Hospitals and HSE Board Chair. The tremendous amount of work and effort put into this matter by Derek Greene was acknowledged.

#### **5. Election of Officers**

- Chair:** Derek Greene. Proposed by Ann Broekhoven and seconded by Graham Knowles. Elected.
- Honorary Treasurer:** Gerard O Callaghan. Proposed by Ann Broekhoven and seconded by Graham Knowles. Elected.
- Honorary Secretary:** Ethel McKenna. Proposed by Ann Broekhoven and seconded by Graham Knowles. Elected.

#### **6. Matters for Discussion / Update:**

##### ***Reconfiguration / Transformation Programme HSE***

Whilst the Association fully supports the concept of integration of services and reorganisation, there needs to be better communication and a systematic approach adopted. A group comprising Derek Green, Nicky Jermyn, Ann Broekhoven and Ger O'Callaghan will arrange to meet with Professor Brendan Drumm. A proposed letter to Brendan Drumm will be copied to Anne Doherty, Laverne McGuinness, Liam Woods and the Regional Directors already appointed.

##### ***Public Appointments Service***

Correspondence had been circulated and Nicky Jermyn outlined the approach taken on this matter. We are legal entities and must issue our own Contracts of Employment for all appointments and it is fundamental that that any proposed change must be challenged. Consider escalating this issue of recruitment process to our Chairs. We must maintain our own recruitment process, which should remain within the individual hospitals. The DATHs Chairs have agreed this approach.

##### ***P.R.A. / 4% Award - O'Brien Report***

Aidan updated the meeting on this matter. Peter McLoone will be making representations to the Department of Health and HSE. The overall issue of parity is important and must be restored. It was agreed that a small group comprising Derek Greene, Aidan Gleeson, Ann Broekhoven and Tim Kennelly would meet with Peter McLoone in the first instance.

##### ***Pensions***

HSE funding to meet retirement lump sums and pension is inadequate and hospitals have been required to meet these costs. It was proposed that this shortfall in funding should be noted as a risk in audited accounts. This matter has also been raised with IBEC.

**7. Annual Conference – May 2010**

- Agreed Radisson Hotel, Athlone as venue.
- May 2010 - date to be agreed.

**8. Membership Fees for 2010**

Annual membership fee for 2010 agreed at €100.

**9. Membership of H.M.I.**

Derek encouraged members to join up for the corporate membership of the Health Management Institute.

**10. Any Other Business**

***Role and Contribution of the Voluntary Sector***

Following a brief discussion, it was agreed that the Executive would give further consideration to this matter.

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