

The Pharmacy Law and Ethics Association

CONSTITUTION

1.1. The Pharmacy Law & Ethics Association has been established for the benefit of pharmacists and lawyers who are interested in promoting law and ethics in the practice of pharmacy.

1.2 To establish a forum for the study and development of legal and ethical aspects of pharmacy practice.

AIMS and OBJECTIVES

2.1 To identify and define legal or ethical questions raised by the developing nature of pharmacy practice.

2.2 To stimulate debate amongst practitioners and within the professional body on what constitutes ethical and responsible professional practice and why.

2.3 To provide informed comment, reports, or representations where appropriate, on legal and ethical issues arising in pharmacy practice.

2.4 To promote understanding, at undergraduate level and beyond, of the ethical basis for professional judgment.

TARGETS

3.1 To publish at least four newsletters per year (replaced in 2011 by website).

3.2 To identify specialist skills amongst members and disseminate this information where appropriate.

3.3 To seek the introduction into the undergraduate pharmacy syllabus of the principles of ethical reasoning, professional decision making and the limitations of law.

3.4 To seek examination of the application of those topics in the pre-registration year

3.5 To seek incorporation of those topics into programmes of continuing professional development for pharmacy practitioners.

3.6 To seek links with similar groups which focus on medical and other health related law and ethics.

MEMBERSHIP

4.1 Pharmacists with a legal qualification.

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4.2 Lawyers or pharmacists whose interest or occupation involves the teaching or practising the application of law and moral philosophy to pharmacy practice.

4.3 Pharmacists who have a responsibility for others in law and ethics

4.4 Pharmacists who are interested in the development of law & ethics

4.5 All members shall pay an annual subscription

4.6 Membership fees shall be agreed at the annual general meeting and shall be applicable for one year from the 1st February following that meeting

PROCEDURES OF THE ASSOCIATION

5.1 The Association shall have an Executive Committee.

5.2 The Officers of the Association shall be the Chairman and the Secretary/Treasurer.

5.3. The Executive Committee shall consist of five members plus the Chairman and Secretary/Treasurer.

5.4 The Chairman, Secretary/Treasurer and the five other members of the Executive Committee shall be elected at the Annual General meeting.

5.5 The term of office for the Chairman, Secretary/Treasurer and the five other members of the Executive shall be two years. They shall be eligible for re-election.

5.5 The Annual General meeting shall be held each year. The quorum for the Annual General meeting shall be 10 members.

5.4 The Constitution of the Association may be amended at the Annual General Meeting by a 51% vote of the members attending

5.5 A member may put a motion or question to the Annual General Meeting provided that the motion or question is notified in writing to the Secretary at least 14 days before the meeting.

5.6 The Chairman shall be responsible for representing the Association

5.7 The Secretary/Treasurer shall be responsible for the general running of the Association

5.8 The Executive Committee has the power to co-opt up to two additional members. Co-opted members serve until the next Annual General meeting.

5.9 Auditors may be appointed by the Executive Committee.