

2010 Annual Report

Dental Council Report – 2010

Overview of activity

This year the outgoing Council, under the chairmanship of President Dr Martin Holohan, completed a number of significant initiatives both for the profession and for the public. The five year term of office for that Council was completed in November 2010 and I would like to thank the outgoing members of the Council for their contribution and to thank in particular the outgoing President for the way he guided the Council in dealing with its substantial workload. I have outlined below the achievements during 2010.

- A Continued Professional Development scheme for dentists was established. This was done to encourage all members of the profession to consider their ongoing professional development and to prepare the profession for the likely introduction of a mandatory scheme in a new Dental Act.
- A guide for members of the public to assist them in choosing a dentist, whether at home or abroad was published. The guidance includes information for patients who may be considering travelling abroad for treatment and highlights matters that should be considered in advance.
- A consolidate Scope of Practice document was published which clearly sets out the role and responsibility of each member of the dental team.
- A Code of Conduct for Clinical Dental Technicians was introduced.
- The Council introduced a protocol for its statutory visitations to training institutions.
- Two programmes were approved to train registered Dental Nurses to take radiographs under the prescription of a dentist.
- The Dental Council has agreed that non surgical cosmetic procedures are not the practice of dentistry and published a Code of Practice setting out the parameters under which such procedures may be performed.

Report required by Code of Practice for the Governance of State Bodies.

I wish to report that:

- There was no commercially significant developments affecting the body in 2010, including the establishment of subsidiaries or joint ventures and share acquisitions, and major issues likely to arise in the short to medium term;
- I affirm that all appropriate procedures for financial reporting, travel, procurement and asset disposals are being carried out;
- I affirm that Codes of Business Conduct for Directors have been put in place and adhered to;
- I affirm that Government policy on the pay of Chief Executives and all State body employees is being complied with;
- I confirm that the members of the Dental Council are not paid fees;
- There were no significant post balance sheet events;

- I confirm that the Guidelines for the Appraisal and Management of Capital Expenditure Proposals in the Public Sector are being complied with in as far as it applies to the Dental Council;
- I certify that Government travel policy requirements are being complied with in all respects;
- I confirm that the Code of Practice for the Governance of State Bodies has been adopted and is being complied with, in as far as it applies to the Dental Council.
- I confirm that the Dental Council has complied with its obligations under tax legislation

Report regarding Financial Controls

I acknowledge that the Council is responsible for the system of internal financial control and that any such a system can provide only reasonable and not absolute assurance against material error. The key procedures, which have been put in place by the Council, designed to provide effective internal financial control include:

- an appropriate control environment including defined management responsibilities and reporting to the Council's Finance and General Purpose Committee
- oversight by the Council's Finance and General Purposes Committee with regard to business risks and the evaluation of their financial implications
- consideration of management accounts by the Finance and General Purposes Committee and Council

I confirm that there has been a review of the effectiveness of the system of internal financial control through the external audit. There were no material losses, contingencies or uncertainties which require disclosure in the financial statements or the auditor's report on the financial statements.



Dr Eamon Croke
President

Membership of the Council

Dr Eamon Croke	Elected – President
Dr Barney Murphy	Elected – Vice President
Dr Terry Farrelly	Elected – Chair of Fitness to Practise
Dr Gerard McCarthy	Elected
Dr Paul O'Reilly	Elected
Dr Roger Ryan	Elected
Prof Leo Stassen	Elected
Dr Francis Burke	Appointed UCC
Dr Patricia McDermott	Appointed UCC
Prof June Nunn	Appointed TCD – Chair of Auxiliary Workers Committee
Dr Jacinta McLoughlin	Appointed TCD
Dr Marielle Blake	Appointed RCSI – Chair of Education Committee
Ms Katherine Bulbullia	Appointed Medical Council
Mr Michael Gilbride	Appointed Medical Council
Mr Gerry Horkan	Appointed Minister for Education
Dr Dympna Kavanagh	Appointed Minister for Health
Ms Margaret Swenney	Appointed Minister for Health
Ms Catriona Craddock	Appointed Minister for Health
Ms Bridget Murphy *	Appointed Minister for Health
Mr Maurice Petherick	Clin Dent Tech - Elected to Auxiliary Workers Committee
Ms Rhona Butterfield	Dent Hygienist - Elected to Auxiliary Workers Committee
Ms Carmen Sheridan *	Dent Nurse - Elected to Auxiliary Workers Committee

*resigned during 2011

DENTAL COUNCIL

Financial Statements

For year ended 31 December 2010

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Registrar's certificate

I certify that the Financial Statements set out on pages 4 and 5 have been properly prepared in accordance with the accounting policies and notes set out on pages 3 and 6 and that they are in agreement with the Books of Accounts of the Dental Council.

Yours sincerely



David O'Flynn
REGISTRAR

28 July 2011

Certificate of Local Government Auditor

I have audited the accounts of the Dental Council for the year ended 31st December 2010 in accordance with the principles and practice of Local Government Audit.

In my opinion, proper books of accounts have been kept by the Council and the accounts, which are in agreement therewith, present fairly, in accordance with the accounting policies and notes set out on pages 3 and 6, the financial position of the Council at 31st December 2010, and its income and expenditure for the year on that date.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M. O'Neill', written in a cursive style.

M. O'Neill
LOCAL GOVERNMENT AUDITOR

28 July 2011

Accounting Policies

1. Basis of Preparation

The financial statements are prepared on an income and expenditure basis under the historical cost convention.

2. Tangible Fixed Assets

Tangible fixed assets are stated at cost less accumulated depreciation.

The Council's premises are not depreciated. Renovations and alterations to the premises are charged to the income and expenditure account in the year in which the expenditure is incurred.

Superannuation

- (a) Section 19 of the Dentists Act, 1985 applies the terms of the Local Government (Superannuation) Acts 1956 and 1980 to the Council and its officers and servants subject to any modifications which may, with the consent of the Minister for the Environment and Local Government, be determined by the Minister for Health and Children.

No funding provisions have been made in respect to benefits payable under the Superannuation Scheme.

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2010

<u>INCOME</u>	2010	2009
	€	€
Fees	546,225	543,367
Rents	59,467	63,724
Superannuation Contributions	11,203	12,878
Interest	1,811	8,441
Exam Fees	37,900	45,850
Miscellaneous	21,759	14,263
HSE Grant	<u>-</u>	<u>10,000</u>
	678,365	698,523
 <u>EXPENDITURE</u>		
Salaries	350,479	329,623
Members' Expenses	38,019	33,859
Retirement		163,852
Prizes	2,486	3,150
Upkeep and Repairs	3,942	1,894
Cleaning	3,293	3,070
Light and Heat	5,749	5,533
Rates	22,169	25,933
Insurance	4,943	4,537
Head Rent	64	63
Printing and Stationery	28,026	18,188
Postage	14,866	10,955
Telephones	3,544	3,425
Legal Expenses	63,421	257,802
Audit Fee	2,770	3,002
Bank Interest Charges	1,399	641
Exam Expenses	12,189	16,360
Election	7,804	
Recruitment	6,050	25,518
Taxation	2,924	
Computer upgrade		12,614
Staff Training	3,485	
Office Equipment	4,809	10,448
Miscellaneous	<u>9,335</u>	<u>7,214</u>
	591,766	937,681
 (Deficit) / Surplus of year		
	86,599	(239,158)
Balance brought forward	<u>645,133</u>	<u>884,291</u>
 Surplus carried forward		
	<u>731,732</u>	<u>645,133</u>

DENTAL COUNCILBALANCE SHEET AT 31ST DECEMBER 2010

	Note	€	€	€	<u>2009</u>	€
<u>Fixed Assets</u>						
Freehold Premises	(1)	5,472		5,472		
TOTAL FIXED ASSETS			5,472			5,472
<u>Current Assets</u>						
Cash in Bank and on hand		777,843		800,811		
Debtors and Prepayment		<u>4,516</u>		<u>5,242</u>		
		782,359		806,053		
<u>Current Liabilities</u>						
Creditors and Accruals		<u>25,960</u>		<u>136,253</u>		
Net Current Assets			<u>756,399</u>			<u>669,800</u>
Total Assets			<u>761,871</u>			<u>675,272</u>
<u>Represented by</u>						
General Reserve		30,139		30,139		
Accumulated Surplus		<u>731,732</u>		<u>645,133</u>		
			<u>761,871</u>			<u>675,272</u>

Note (1)

Premises have been valued at cost. These consist solely of the premises at 57 Merrion Square purchased in 1935 by the Dental Board. These premises have been insured in 2010 for a value of €3,216,736