

Annual Report 2011

Dental Council Report – 2011

Overview of activity

This year was a very busy year for the incoming Dental Council. The major achievement year was the introduction of the Code of Practice regarding the Display of Private Fees in Dental Practices. This initiative was supported by the IDA and proved a great success, with near universal implementation of Code. The Council decision to erase a dentist for professional misconduct was challenged in the High Court and I am pleased to report that the Council's fitness to practise processes proved robust. The Council won the appeal. Other achievements this year include:

- A comprehensive governance structure was adopted by the Council, in compliance the Code of Practice for the Governance of State Bodies
- The commencement of procedures to enter into an agreement with the Commission on Dental Accreditation of Canada regarding the mutual recognition of each country's dental qualifications
- The approval of a new dental nursing programme in Letterkenny IT. Approval was also granted for the continuation of the dental nursing programme in Athlone IT
- The submission of a comprehensive proposal regarding provisions the Dental Council consider necessary for a inclusion in a new Dental Act
- A working group has been established to produced a revised Code of Practice regarding Infection Prevention and Control
- Each of the Council's statutory committees agreed a work plan for its term of office.
- Consideration of three matters under the Fitness to Practice provisions of the Dentist Act, including the erasure of one dentist for professional misconduct.

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 or other 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 Catrioina Craddock	Appointed Minister for Health
Ms Marie Henson	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 Tina Gorman	Dent Nurse - Elected to Auxiliary Workers Committee*

Ms Gorman was nominated to replace Ms Carmen Sheridan, who was the elected dental nurse, in accordance with Council procedures for filling casual vacancies.

DENTAL COUNCIL

Financial Statements

For year ended 31 December 2011

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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

3 May 2012

Certificate of Local Government Auditor

I have audited the accounts of the Dental Council for the year ended 31st December 2011 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 2011, and its income and expenditure for the year on that date.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Maurice O'Neill".

Maurice O'Neill
LOCAL GOVERNMENT AUDITOR

3 May 2012

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 2011

<u>INCOME</u>	2011	2010
	€	€
Fees	587,328	546,225
Rents	55,257	59,467
Superannuation Contributions	11,512	11,203
Interest	1,721	1,811
Miscellaneous	<u>24,383</u>	<u>59,659</u>
	680,201	678,365
 <u>EXPENDITURE</u>		
Salaries	381,088	350,479
Members' Expenses	27,967	38,019
Prizes	2,250	2,486
Upkeep and Repairs	5,189	3,942
Cleaning	3,520	3,293
Light and Heat	5,429	5,749
Rates / Head Rent	21,247	22,233
Insurance	5,070	4,943
Printing and Stationery	19,358	28,026
Postage	13,140	14,866
Telephones	3,438	3,544
Legal Expenses	123,515	63,421
Audit Fee	2,745	2,770
Bank Interest Charges	1,212	1,399
Exam Expenses	15,697	12,189
Election	-	7,804
Recruitment	-	6,050
Taxation	-	2,924
Staff Training	4,478	3,485
Office Equipment	8,860	4,809
Miscellaneous	<u>10,462</u>	<u>9,335</u>
	<u>654,665</u>	<u>591,766</u>
 (Deficit) / Surplus of year	25,536	86,599
Balance brought forward	<u>731,732</u>	<u>645,133</u>
 Surplus carried forward	<u>757,268</u>	<u>731,732</u>

DENTAL COUNCILBALANCE SHEET AT 31ST DECEMBER 2011

	Note	€	<u>2011</u>	€	€	<u>2010</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		803,752			777,843		
Debtors and Prepayment		<u>12,403</u>			<u>4,516</u>		
		816,155			782,359		
<u>Current Liabilities</u>							
Creditors and Accruals		<u>34,220</u>			<u>25,960</u>		
Net Current Assets			<u>781,935</u>		<u>756,399</u>		
Total Assets			<u>787,407</u>		<u>761,871</u>		
<u>Represented by</u>							
General Reserve		30,139			30,139		
Accumulated Surplus		<u>757,268</u>			<u>731,732</u>		
			<u>787,407</u>		<u>761,871</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