

PHARMACY BOARD OF NEW SOUTH WALES

MEDIA RELEASE PHARMACY BOARD APPOINTMENTS

The Minister for Health, Reba Meagher MP has advised that Her Excellency the Governor has approved the appointment of the following five part-time members to the Pharmacy Board of New South Wales under the *Pharmacy Practice Act 2006*:

Zoe Bojanac
Helen Dowling
Sandra Everett
Ron Greenstein
Elizabeth Perks

The appointments are for a four year term and will commence from 1 October 2007.

In accordance with the transition provisions in the *Pharmacy Practice Act*, the following five elected pharmacist members of the Board will also commence a new four year term upon commencement of that Act:

Alison Aylott
Elizabeth Frost
Greg Hodgson
Gerard McInerney
Geoff Pritchard

At the Board's annual function held in February, Mrs Elizabeth Frost announced that she had informed the Minister that, after 9 years as President, she considered it appropriate to step down and was not available to be appointed as President of the Board under the new Act. The Governor has approved the appointment of Mr Gerard McInerney as President of the Board and Ms Elizabeth Perks as Deputy President from 1 October 2007.

Ms Perks is a hospital pharmacist who was first appointed to the Board in 1996. She is the Chair of the Board's Education and Grants Committees and a member of the Administration Committee and the Compounding Pharmacists Working Party. From 1982 until 1995, Ms Perks held various positions on the NSW Branch Committee of the Society of Hospital Pharmacists of Australia including Committee Chairman from 1983 to 1988, Education Chairman from 1983 to 1990 and representative on the Pharmacy Practice Foundation. She has represented the Board at international conferences including International Pharmacy Competency Conferences in 1998 and 2000, Federation Internationale Pharmaceutique (FIP) conferences in 2001, 2002 and 2003, Commonwealth Pharmaceutical Association conference in 2003 and Life Long Learning in Pharmacy conferences in 2005 and 2007.

Mr McInerney is a community pharmacist who serves as an elected pharmacist member of the Board, having been originally elected in 1999 then re-elected in 2002 and 2005. He chairs the Board's Ownership Committee and Compounding Pharmacists Working Party and is a member of the Education, Legislation, Communication and Corporate Governance Committees. Since 2001, Mr McInerney has been one of the Board's delegates to the Australian Pharmacy Council (formerly Council of Pharmacy Registering Authorities or COPRA) and has been the Board's delegate to the annual meeting in the USA of the National Association of Boards of Pharmacy. He has served the Board with distinction.

Mr McInerney is also a past President of pharmacy organisations including the Illawarra Pharmacists' Association and Illawarra Zone of the Pharmacy Guild of Australia (NSW Branch) and community organisations including Jaycees, Lions, Kiama/Shoalhaven Tourist Association and Kiama Cancer Care Trust.

Mr McInerney said he is honoured by the trust expressed in him with this appointment. *"The Pharmacy Practice Act 2006, together with the Pharmacy Practice Regulation 2007, provides the framework for the Board to protect the public of New South Wales and elevate standards in the pharmacy profession. Under my leadership the Board will continue to be conscious of its responsibilities and carry out that mandate. I intend devoting my time and expertise to ensuring the goals and long term planning of our Board come to fruition and I am committed to providing both strong and effective leadership.*

The profession of pharmacy has a proud history in our state with pharmacists holding a high degree of respect in the community. It has cooperatively and consistently worked with government to assist in the implementation of desirable health initiatives and our Board will continue to encourage this liaison."

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