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ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTYSECOND ANNUAL REPORT

1. PURPOSE

The Pharmaceutical Society of Western Australia Incorporated was formed on the 18th October 2010 on the abolition of the Pharmaceutical Council of Western Australia. The Pharmaceutical Society of Western Australia was previously in existence and was converted to the above body complete with a new constitution.

The objects of the Society are:

- to support, promote and protect the status and interests of pharmacists registered in the State of Western Australia;
- to promote improvements in laws affecting pharmacists and the practice of pharmacy;
- to advance and encourage the study and practice of pharmacy and all branches of science and knowledge allied thereto;
- to provide services and facilities for the use or benefit of pharmacists;
- to support the preservation of the history and heritage of pharmacy in Western Australia;
- to relieve poor and necessitous persons who are or have been members of the Society who may through bodily or mental infirmity or other misfortune, be incapacitated from practising and the spouses and dependent family members of such persons;
- to relieve poor and necessitous dependent family members of deceased members of the Society;
- to do all such other things as are incidental or conducive to the attainment of the above Objects.

The reporting period is from 1 January 2012 to 31 December 2012.

2. BOARD MEETINGS

MEMBER	MEETINGS
J HARVEY	10
N FOSBERY	10
R E HILL	2
R C HILL	9
L MULLEN	9
S JOHNSTON	9
J CAO	8
A MAGUIRE	7

3. ELECTIONS

The terms of office of two members of the Committee of Management expired on March 31st under the constitution. The two retiring members were Mr Rowland Hill and Mr John Cao

Mr Cao renominated but Mr Hill did not. Mr Anthony Maguire also nominated for a position. Since there were only two nominations for two positions no election was held and Messrs Cao and Maguire were considered elected. The Society wishes to thank Mr Rowland Hill for his years of service. He remains an active member of the Gold Questionnaire Committee.

4. OFFICERS

President:	J.L. HARVEY, F.P.S.
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5. PHARMACEUTICAL REGISTER

Membership is shown according to age and practising status. The NITP Complete Exam Pending category may not be entirely accurate because these people may have passed their examinations and not registered and not as yet been removed. The other sections are up to date. We had approximately 85% uptake of membership. Membership was seen as good value by most people particularly because of the continuing education, including the annual gold questionnaire. This year, once again, we allowed interns to join free of charge to give them the taste of membership of the Society. Some interns ages are listed as >55 because their age is not known.

Age==>	Under 25		Between 25 & 34		Between 35 & 44		Between 45 & 54		Over 55		Totals		Grand Total
	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	
Proprietor	0	0	15	18	77	53	75	33	101	11	268	115	383
Partner	0	0	19	16	26	18	17	19	13	7	75	60	135
Community Pharmacist	7	14	177	437	56	175	32	86	76	51	348	763	1111
Hospital Pharmacist	0	4	7	63	6	37	7	28	10	25	30	157	187
Other	28	69	36	85	1	8	4	10	5	5	74	177	251
Tot. Practising	35	87	254	619	166	291	135	176	205	99	795	1272	2067
Non Practising	0	0	1	4	1	4	1	2	64	21	67	31	98
Intern	19	52	24	24	2	6	0	1	3	0	48	83	131
Intern - External	0	3	4	11	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	14	18
NITP Complete Exam Pending	15	21	16	23	1	3	1	0	1	0	34	47	81
Tot. Non-Practising	34	76	45	62	4	13	2	3	68	21	153	175	328
Total Registered	69	163	299	681	170	304	137	179	273	120	948	1447	2395

6. INTERN TRAINING PROGRAMME

In 2012 the PSWA coordinated two main cohorts of intern pharmacists enrolled in the National Intern Training Programme (NITP), being those interns commencing in February 2012 and September 2012. A total of 134 interns entered the First Intake 2012 cohort, while 27 interns entered into the Second Intake 2012 cohort. The vast majority of interns enrolled in these two cohorts were graduates from WA universities, while less than 20 per cent of the total enrolment numbers originated from interns that graduated from interstate or overseas universities.

As part of their NITP, interns from each cohort attended three compulsory face-to-face sessions with the NITP co-ordinators, being Orientation Day, and two sets of workshop days throughout the year. Each workshop event was presented over two workdays. The aim of the workshops is to provide a small group learning environment for interns to discuss and increase their depth of knowledge across a broad range of topics. The workshop delivery is in line with the APC stipulations for interns to receive a minimum of 26 hours of face-to-face learning within a small group learning environment. Topics are facilitated by registered pharmacists (or other practitioners) considered to be experts in those areas. Topics presented to the interns throughout 2012 included Diabetes, Wound Care, Pregnancy and Lactation, Legislation, Opioid Substitution, Dermatology, Mental Health, Ethics and Oral Examination Preparation.

To aid assessment of candidates' competence to practise, the NITP required each intern to complete a variety of assessments, mostly via an online portal, throughout the year. These were marked by pharmacists who are trained appropriately in this area. Further, preceptors were required to submit appraisals of the intern's competence in the workplace environment at three intervals during the year to assist in monitoring intern progress towards achievement of the Competency Standards for Pharmacists in Australia 2010.

Preceptors were provided with access to an online 'portal' which gave them access to a number of tools to support them in their role of supervising interns enrolled in the NITP. Via the 'portal' preceptors were able to access an online forum, allowing communications with fellow preceptors from around Australia, in addition to online preceptor training, provided by the PSA. PSWA also held a training and information evening in February 2012 to support Preceptors in WA.

The year saw the NITP personnel at the PSWA unchanged. For 2012, Celia Sansom was employed as the WA NITP co-ordinator, and was ably supported by Tracy Wilkins, and Rebecca Twaddle who were employed in a part-time capacity, focusing on intern assessments and oral examination preparation. Charmaine Powell was the administrative assistant responsible to these people.

7. CONTINUING PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

MONTHLY LECTURE SERIES

The PSWA evening CE lecture series were held at FJ Clark Lecture Theatre Queen Elizabeth II Medical Centre Nedlands. The Society was fortunate to secure highly qualified specialised clinicians as presenters to assist our members and other pharmacists keep up to date with the latest developments in treatment, medications and professional practice.

The presentations were recorded via the University of WA's Lecture Capture System which enabled the lectures to be uploaded on the PSWA website for viewing by all PSWA members. The associated CE lecture questionnaires were also made available on the PSWA website. The lectures were accredited by the Pharmaceutical Society of Australia for up to 2 group 2 CPD credits with the provision of an assessment based on the learning objectives.

In mid- 2012, lecture videoconferencing via Telehealth was made available to rural pharmacists so that they could participate in real time.

Topics presented in the 2012 programme were:

Date	Lecture	Presenter	Attendance #
01.02.2012	Familial hypercholesterolaemia	Prof. Gerald Watts	105
07.03.2012	Coronary ischaemic syndrome	Dr Paul Stobie	181
01.05.2012	Food allergy training for pharmacists.	Dr Richard Loh	183
11.06.2012	Multiple Sclerosis	Dr Jason Burton	96
02.07.2012	Anaemia- the laboratory tests explained	Dr Julian Cooney	109
06.08.2012	The Unsettled Infant	Melinda Boss	101
03.09.2012	Armed Robbery Prevention Training	WA Police Officer & Regional Investigations Unit	47
08.10.2012	Continence Care	Deborah Gordon	61
14.11.2012	AF and Other Arrhythmias	Clinical Professor Rukshen Weerasooriya	130

ANNUAL GOLD QUESTIONNAIRE

The Annual Gold Questionnaire writing committee held regular meetings during the year to devise questions for the Annual Gold Questionnaire. One thousand one hundred and sixty WA pharmacists attempted the questionnaire on the PSWA website. This is an increase of 260 compared to the previous year. Three thousand four hundred and eighty pharmacists answered the questionnaire on the PSA website. The number of pharmacists completing the questionnaire both in WA and nationally has confirmed the importance of continuing to produce this educational resource.

ANNUAL SEMINAR

The Annual Seminar for 2012 and a Clinical Super Series (see below) were combined on the same weekend in April.

One hundred and eighty nine delegates attended the Society's Annual Seminar on Sunday 22nd April 2012. The theme of the seminar was "The Coming of Age of Pharmacy". The seminar explored a range of issues including professional services and clinical topics. Society members gained from the experience and expertise of:

Ms Penelope Tufin – Pain Management

Mr Stephen Marty – Mandatory Professional Obligations

Ms Stefanie Johnston – HMR/RMMR Business Rules

Mr Peter Krasenstein – Complementary Medicines

Ms Adriana Kaminski – 5th Community Pharmacy Agreement

Ms Jan Wright & Ms Donna Angel – Wound Care

Ms Sajni Gudka & Dr Kreshnik Hoti – Research in WA

The seminar was finished off with a panel discussion on expanding the pharmacist's role in primary health care. David Manuel, Deirdre Criddle, Tony Accordino, Nicole Frayne and Bruce Williamson explained the different roles they hold within the Pharmacy Profession.

The seminar was supported by the pharmaceutical industry and professional bodies whose exhibitions contributed to the success of the event. Displays were of a high standard reflecting the considerable investment made by exhibitors and included materials and information that augmented the day's learning experience.

CLINICAL SUPER SERIES

The first session of the Clinical super series was held the day before the Annual Seminar. It consisted of two and a half hours of lectures with the following speakers and topics:

Dr Ross Baker – Anticoagulant and anti-thrombotic medication

Prof Jeff Hughes – Sodium and Potassium in the body

Ms Katrina Brogden - Congestive Heart Failure

On the 28th July a 3 hour workshop was held on the topic of Atrial Fibrillation. Thirty seven pharmacists participated.

ACCREDITED PHARMACIST TRAINING & SUPPORT

The Society ran a number of Stage 1 preparatory training courses for medication management review (MMR) accreditation. These were presented by Marcus Weidinger and Klaus Auert. Forty three pharmacists completed the training over the year.

To support Accredited Pharmacists, a series of lectures and workshops were held throughout the year. The first of these was held on 26th March and covered the topics of the Asthma Action Plan and an NPS case study on Antipsychotics.

An Atrial Fibrillation workshop was held on 21st May. This was facilitated by Jeanie Misko.

On the 13th August Dr Laetitia Hattingh presented on the Ethical Considerations of providing medication reviews and Lesley Gregory from Perth Metro Medicare Local discussed the NPS case study: Antibiotic resistance and respiratory tract infections

BUSINESS SUPER SERIES

A Business Super Series was commenced in 2012 with Mr Paul Rowe sharing his expertise. The first component of the series was held on Saturday 25th February and consisted of a lecture and a workshop on How to Manage a Pharmacy. This session included information on the financial management of a Pharmacy.

The second session, “Pharmacy Owners’ 10 step Survival Guide” was held on 30th July 2012. Feedback from both of the sessions was very positive.

RURAL CPD ACTIVITIES

A series of presentations was held in regional Western Australia. Susan Shipway presented workshops on Dyslipidaemia in Geraldton, Albany, Kalgoorlie and Busselton. The rural PSWA members appreciated the opportunity to attend a face to face CPD event in their own region.

ANNUAL MEDICINES UPDATE

PSA’s Medicines Update evening series saw pharmacists updated on the new and emerging treatments for a range of clinical conditions including neurological conditions, women’s health and also a series of miscellaneous drugs and safety updates associated with these drugs.

REFRESHER COURSE

A three day refresher course was held in January. Presentations by experienced Pharmacists were given on a wide range of topics. Day 1 covered Legalities and Cardiovascular Health, Day 2 was a Primary Care Update and Day 3 was a Clinical Update and Pharmacy Practice Update.

FIRST AID COURSES

Three Senior First Aid Courses were held for members throughout the year. The Australian Lifesaving Academy- Western Australia was engaged to deliver this service. The participants enjoyed the self-paced

aspect of the course as it allows for pre-reading and then a single day of face to face training. As the participants are mostly pharmacists, the speakers are able to tailor the presentation to an appropriate level.

EARLY CAREER PHARMACISTS

This group of pharmacists, who are all less than ten years registered, have been extremely active in trying to improve the working lives of their colleagues of the same vintage and also to try to introduce some form of social activity, particularly to younger pharmacists. They organised an NPS workshop last year and also the highly successful Pharmacy 101 Workshop aimed at providing practical advice to those recently joining the pharmaceutical industry. They organised a presentation from the perspective of employers of pharmacists which will bear fruit this year. To add to their workload they also organised a lawn bowls evening, a sundowner and the crowning event was the quiz night which proved an outstanding success. Jessica Sutton is the President ably assisted by Teresa DiFranco.

8. ANNUAL PRIZE AND PRESENTATION NIGHT

The Society's high profile Annual Prize and Presentation Night was held in April before an audience of Life Members, Councillors, special guests, preceptors and new registrants.

Newly registered pharmacists were presented to the Society and high achievers in the pre-registration training programme as well as pharmacists who have made great contributions to the Society were acknowledged as the STAR pharmacists. These included Natalie Willis (role model), Marnie Smith (educator), Stefanie Johnston (young pharmacist), Gia Cecchele (communicator) and Grant McGill (innovator).

A highlight of the event was the presentation of the Eric Kirk Memorial Award.

Eric Kirk was an eminent leader who was responsible for significant developments in the profession. An award which recognises outstanding contributions to the development of professional practice in Western Australia was instituted to commemorate his legacy. It was awarded to Ms Deirdre Criddle.

The Kevin McAnuff Memorial Address was delivered by Ms Shelley Taylor-Smith, who gave a very enlightening and inspiring speech describing what is required to become a world champion and how we can apply these skills in our quest to be a successful pharmacist.

Generous sponsorship by Pharmaceutical Defence Limited enabled the staging of this major event.

9. J. M. O'HARA RESEARCH FUND

As part of its duty of managing the Pharmaceutical Society of Western Australia the Council has managed the Society's J M O'Hara Research Fund since it was established in 1976 and this was taken over by the Society on October 18th 2010.

The Fund's objects include the granting of assistance for research in any branch of pharmaceutical sciences or in any aspect of the practice of pharmacy.

Assets currently stand at \$264,787 and have been accumulated entirely from the donations of Society members and interest.

Grants totaling \$133,168 have been provided over the years to Society members to assist with research projects.

Two meetings of the Research Fund committee were held this year: one in May and a second one in November. Seven grant applications were presented at each meeting. In the first grants were awarded to Deena Ashoorian, Ya ping Lee and Sandra Salter to a total value of \$26,190. In the second round another four grants were awarded to Andrew Stafford, Sue White, Jeffrey Hughes and Deena Ashoorian to a total value of \$34,400. The latter grants will be paid to the grantees in 2013 as will the grant to Ya Ping Lee.

The project from Liza Seubert entitled, Improving patient assessment in community pharmacy: Is WWHAMM working?, to the value of \$7,400, was completed in July 2012. A report was delivered toward the end of 2012.

The Society's board is grateful to Associate Professor Malcolm Roberts, Kristine Jarvis, Adriana Kaminski and Jeannie Misko and Associate Professor Lynne Emmerton for conducting the Fund's business during the year.

The committee will once again conduct two rounds of funding in 2013.

Income and Expenditure Statement

<i>Received</i>	<u>2011</u>	<u>2012</u>
Donations	8189	6681
Interest	17465	13634
<i>Less Payments</i>		
Project Grants	7400	16390
<i>Net Income (Outgoing)</i>	18229	3925

Funds Statement at 31st December 2010

<i>Assets</i>		
Bank West	260862	264786
<i>Liabilities</i>	0	0
<i>Net Assets</i>	260862	264787

10. COMMUNICATION WITH MEMBERS

The Society continued to publish its regular bulletin, *Rescript*, to all members. There were five issues last year. During the year the decision was made to publish the newsletter on the web only. This saved a substantial amount of money from both printing and postage.

The publication brought contributions from the Department of Health, the Schools of Pharmacy at Curtin University and the University of Western Australia as well as disease foundations and associations.

It also carried articles on counselling, complementary medicines, practice matters, practical training, continuing professional development and practice improvement, registration of premises changes and comment on items of current interest.

The Society's website is maintained as a source of information on matters affecting the Society's members including a section designed to assist them with professional matters. This has been gradually improved and more information is available. There is a section on positions available and for those looking for work and the continuing education section has been improved markedly

We continued the weekly email message to all members which gave interesting information, upcoming CE events and various notices considered important. This was called "Mondays with Mike". This is becoming accepted as an essential communication tool with members.

11. REPRESENTATION OF THE PROFESSION

The Society and the profession were represented in meetings with:

- Pharmaceutical Society of Australia
- Medicare Locals and Divisions of General Practice
- Officers in various sections of the Department of Health
- W.A. Council on the Ageing
- Office of Health Review
- Health Consumers' Council
- Pharmaceutical manufacturers and distributors
- Pharmaceutical Defence Limited
- Pharmacy Guild
- Representatives of Disease State Organisations
- Other Health Professions Registration Authorities

The interaction with the various Medicare Locals was important to maintain the profile of pharmacy at those forums. The President has joined the Society up to a number of these and is active in attending those meetings. He is also a member of the Health Governance Special Interest Group which is working nationally and he has formed the Primary Health Care Group, consisting of physiotherapists, podiatrists,

psychologists, chiropractors and pharmacists to advance the cause of all those professions in Medicare Locals. The president is also on the Board of the Fremantle Medicare Local.