



The Council Of The Pharmaceutical Society Of Uganda



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Updates On The December 2021 Adjourned AGM

Dear Members,

Warm greetings from the Pharmaceutical Society of Uganda. Since the adjournment of the AGM held on December 16th 2021, the Council undertook a number of reviews on the issues pertaining to the auditor's and treasurer's reports and the suspected election hacking incident. Here below are the key updates;

1. Issues Pertaining To The Auditor's and Treasurer's Reports.

The Institute of Certified Public Accountants Uganda (ICPAU) was engaged in a communication dated December 29th 2021 to provide professional guidance on handling of the issues raised by members at the AGM and follow-on virtual interaction on December 22nd 2021. In their response communication through a letter dated January 24th 2022, ICPAU guided that the nature of the issues raised did not warrant a repeat of the audit. Instead, they advised that the queries in the financial statements needed to be rectified and corrected documents submitted to the auditors to enable them come up with an amended audit report. These queries included arithmetic errors, errors of description and inconsistencies in use of operational definitions and accounting terminologies. Other issues needed explanatory notes for better understanding by the members.

A root cause analysis has further been conducted and corrective and preventive actions are being taken.

So far, amended financial statements have been prepared and submitted to the auditors and the amended audit report awaits. This will replace the earlier audit and treasurer's reports both of which are impacted.



2. Suspected Election Hacking

As regards the suspected election hacking incident, Council requested the IT firm that provided the election system services to avail a report on the incident. A provisional report was provided and Council considered it in its meeting held on the January 31st, 2022 which indicated the following;

- a) That the email transmission system had been hacked and codes diverted to the hacker's email. The server was however intact.
- b) Three IP address were identified that had multiple access to the system (32 times) within a span of 15 minutes between 11:35 am and 11:50 am on December 16th, 2021 and are suspected to have been involved in multiple voting.
- c) The three IP addresses were linked to a telecommunication company, a tertiary teaching institution and a company located in the United Kingdom.

Council requested the IT firm to obtain additional information and finalise the report, after which it will be availed to members of the Society. As part of the investigation, the following were also done;

- a) A communication was made to Gmail with a request to provide information about the hacker. However, to-date no response has been received.
- b) The case has been reported and handed over to the Cybercrimes division of Uganda Police at Jinja police station under ref. no. SDR: 73/02/02/2022.

In light of the above special circumstances, Council could not convene the adjourned AGM in January, 2022 as had earlier been anticipated. However, Council is working tirelessly to ensure that the adjourned AGM is successfully concluded within February 2022 through a physical meeting. This will enable members to vote physically since the current circumstances do no guarantee a secure online voting process. A new electoral committee has been set up to manage the elections for Secretary and Treasurer.

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