General Medical Services Committee

Improvement Grants

The Committee considered a draft letter to executive councils dealing with the Improvements Grants Scheme, together with comments made by the Association's Solicitor, and after making certain amendments agreed that the document be discussed with the Ministry's representatives.

Constitution of the Committee

The Committee received the following resolution passed by the Lancashire Local Medical Committee: "That this Committee is perturbed that little or no action has been taken on the resolution passed at the 1964 Annual Conference in connexion with the constitution of the General Medical Services Committee."

Dr. A. B. Gilmour suggested that the procedure of the Committee required even more urgent attention than its constitution. The Committee had been faced at the beginning of the day with documents totalling just under 300 pages with which to deal. There was a danger of the work load of the Committee making it grind to a halt. Detailed regulations and such like should in his view receive unhurried consideration by members experienced in that field, and their reports should be available for approval by the Committee. Working groups which did a great deal of preparatory work should be re-organized, and authority to look into routine matters should be delegated. At the moment too much was left on the shoulders of all too few.

Proposed Change in the Areas of the Bristol Division and the Somerset Division

Notice is hereby given by the Council to all concerned of a proposal to transfer the civil parishes of Baltonsborough, Butleigh, and West Pennard in the rural district of Wells from the area of the Bristol Division to the area of the Somerset Division.

Any member affected by this proposal and objecting thereto is requested to write to the Secretary of the Association by 18 September 1965.

D. P. Stevenson, Secretary.

Association Notices

Elections to Public Health Committee 1965-6

The Annual Representative Body has approved a revised constitution for the Public Health Committee of the British Medical Association which will include the appointment of nine members elected by regional constituencies. These constituencies will be based on the Regional Offices of the B.M.A. in the following manner:

Constituency
A
B
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Scotland, one seat
Newcastle, one seat
Leeds, one seat
Sheffield, one seat
Cambridge, one seat
London, two seats
Oxford (including Wessex), one seat
Bristol, one seat
Wales
Birmingham, one seat
Liverpool, one seat
Manchester, one seat
All public health medical officers who are members of the B.M.A. and who devote five sessions or more per week (or the equivalent) to public health work with one or more local authorities are eligible to participate in the election. Nominations must be returned no later than 6 September 1965. Both the member making the nomination and the candidate for election must carry out their public health duties within the region for which the nomination is made.

The above information together with a nomination form has been sent to public health medical officers who are members of the British Medical Association. Those who have not received a letter and consider that they are eligible and wish to participate in the election should send me their name and address without delay.

D. P. Stevenson, Secretary.