

from the transfer of services, including the medical advisory structure, the Central Services Agency, the Northern Ireland Staffs Council, early retirement schemes for chief officers and their deputies, and superannuation options for transferred officers. Agreement has also been reached on the assimilation of existing holders of assistant chief administrative medical officer and district administrative medical officer posts into the consultant salary scale, and no new appointments will be made to these posts unless the applicants are of the required calibre. The Northern Ireland Council considers that appointment procedures should in future be the same as those used for consultants in the hospital field and the Department has agreed to obtain the views of area boards on this proposal.

MEDICAL MANPOWER ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The Northern Ireland Council has requested a substantial increase in the medical representation from the profession on the proposed medical manpower advisory committee for Northern Ireland, to enable the clinical needs of all areas in major specialties to be represented. Discussions on the terms of reference and constitution are proceeding.

NEW REGULATIONS

Discussions have taken place with the Department of Health and Social Services on new Regulations and Orders which have been introduced on the following subjects: General medical and pharmaceutical services; loans to general practitioners;

charges for drugs and appliances; misuse of drugs; services committees and tribunals; and appointment of specialists.

Erratum

Appendix II: The Constitution of the Association

In paragraph 54, dealing with the composition of the proposed Finance and General Purposes Committee (*Supplement*, 27 April, p. 54) the words "and four other members" in the second line should read "and six other members."

Association Notices

Vacancy in the Council 1974-5

CONSTITUENCY NO. 3, NORTHERN IRELAND: ONE SEAT

No candidate was nominated in the recent election for Constituency No. 3 and the Council has declared a vacancy under By-law 68(2).

Nominations of candidates to fill this vacancy must be made by not less than two members of the Association (each being an ordinary member of one of the Divisions in the constituency). Nominations must be on the prescribed form, obtainable on application to me, and returned to me not later than Thursday, 23 May 1974. Candidates must be members of the Association.

A notice will be published in the *Supplement* to the *British Medical Journal* on 1 June 1974 giving the names of the candidates. If a contest occurs voting papers containing the names of duly nominated candidates will be issued on Wednesday, 12 June 1974 from the Head Office of the British Medical Association, Tavistock Square, London WC1 9JP, to the members concerned. The latest date for the return of voting papers will be Monday, 24 June 1974. A notice will be published by the Council in the *Supplement* on 6 July 1974 giving the results of the election.

DEREK STEVENSON,
Secretary.

Diary of Central Meetings

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8 Wed.	Journal Committee, 2 p.m.
9 Thurs.	Executive Subcommittee (C.C.H.M.S.), 10 a.m.
9 Thurs.	Occupational Health Committee, 10.30 a.m.
9 Thurs.	Rural Practices Subcommittee (G.M.S.), 11 a.m.
10 Fri.	Public Health Committee, 10 a.m.
15 Wed.	Compensation and Superannuation Committee, 11.30 a.m.
15 Wed.	Physical Medicine Group Committee, 2.30 p.m.
16 Thurs.	General Medical Services Committee, 10 a.m.
17 Fri.	Panel on the Working of the Abortion Act (Board of Science and Education), 2 p.m.
17 Fri.	Radiologists Group Committee, 2 p.m.
22 Wed.	A.R.M. Agenda Committee, 10 a.m.
23 Thurs.	Central Committee for Hospital Medical Services, 10 a.m.
23 Thurs.	Practice Premises and Organization Committee (G.M.S.), 10.30 a.m.
23 Thurs.	Agenda Committee (Annual Conference of Hospital Medical Staffs), 1 p.m.
29 Wed.	Prizes, Research Awards and Fellowships Panel, 11 a.m.
30 Thurs.	Negotiating Subcommittee for Hospital Medical Services, 9.30 a.m.
30 Thurs.	Scottish Council (at 7 Drumsheugh Gardens, Edinburgh), 10.15 a.m.
30 Thurs.	Joint Negotiating Committee for Hospital Medical Services (Staff Side), 11 a.m.
30 Thurs.	Joint Negotiating Committee, 2.15 p.m.
31 Fri.	Board of Science and Education, 10.30 a.m.

Branch and Division Meetings to be Held

Members proposing to attend meetings marked are asked to notify in advance the honorary secretary concerned.*

Birmingham Division.—At 36 Harborne Road, Edgbaston, Tuesday, 7 May, 8 p.m., annual meeting.

Bournemouth Division.—At postgraduate medical centre, Boscombe, Friday, 10 May, 8 for 8.15 p.m., a.g.m.

Bradford Division.—At Bradford Royal Infirmary, Wednesday, 8 May, at 8.15 p.m., a.g.m.

Brighton and Mid-Sussex Division.—At White House Day Hospital, Tuesday, 7 May, 8.15 p.m., general meeting to consider Annual Report of Council.

Bromley Division.—At postgraduate centre, Farnborough Hospital, Thursday, 9 May, 8.30 p.m., a.g.m.

Buckinghamshire Division.—At Stoke Mandeville Hospital, Thursday, 9 May, 8.30 p.m., a.g.m., followed by panel discussion: "N.H.S. Reorganization in Buckinghamshire."

Bury Division.—At postgraduate institute, Bury General Hospital, Monday, 6 May, 8.45 p.m., meeting to discuss Annual Report of Council and to consider motions for A.R.M.

Cambridge Division.—At Addenbrooke's Hospital, Trumpington Street, Cambridge, Wednesday, 8 May, at 8.30 p.m., meeting.

Cambridge and Huntingdon Branch.—At Churchill College, Friday, 10 May, 8.30 p.m., Mr. J. Gilmore: "Botanical Gardens and their Role in the History of Medicine." (Buffet supper, 7.30 p.m.) Guests are invited.*

East Kent Division.—At Roman Gallery, Thanet Way, Thursday, 9 May, 8.30 p.m., a.g.m. and business meeting.

East Norfolk and Norwich Division.—At teaching centre, Norfolk and Norwich Hospital, Tuesday, 7 May, 8.15 p.m., general meeting to consider Annual Report of Council.

East Suffolk Branch.—(1) At postgraduate centre, Ipswich Hospital, Thursday, 9 May, 8 for 8.30 p.m., meeting to discuss Annual Report of Council. (2) Saturday, 11 May, visit to Chelsea Physic Garden and to ballet, "Cinderella." Transport will leave Heath Road car park at 10.30 a.m.*

Enfield and Potters Bar Division.—At Chase Farm Hospital, Enfield, Thursday, 9 May, at 8.30 p.m., a.g.m.

Finchley Division.—At Finchley Memorial Hospital, Thursday, 9 May, 8 p.m., meeting to instruct representatives to A.R.M.

Gloucestershire Branch.—Thursday, 9 May, 7 p.m., visit to Whitbread's Brewery, Cheltenham.

Guildford Division.—At Farncombe Manor Inn, Friday, 31 May, at 7.45 for 8.15 p.m., dinner and dance.

Harrow and Hillingdon Division.—At Whittington Hotel, Pinner, Tuesday, 7 May, 8.45 p.m., meeting to discuss Annual Report of Council.

Hastings Division.—At postgraduate centre, Holmsdale Gardens, Tuesday, 7 May, 8.15 p.m., a.g.m. (Sherry and buffet, 7.15 p.m.)

Huddersfield Division.—Royal Infirmary, Huddersfield, Monday, 6 May, at 8.15 p.m., ordinary meeting.

Huntingdon and Peterborough Division.—Peterborough District Hospital, Tuesday, 7 May, at 8.15 p.m., a.g.m.

Kesteven Division.—At library, Grantham Hospital, Monday, 6 May, 8.30 p.m., general meeting to discuss Annual Report of Council.

Kingston-upon-Thames Division.—At Kingston Medical Centre, Friday, 10 May, 8 for 8.30 p.m., meeting to formulate motions for A.R.M.

Lambeth Division.—At Hurlay Clinic, Kennington Lane, Tuesday, 7 May, 8 p.m., a.g.m.

Lancaster Division.—At the Post Graduate Medical Centre, Lancaster, Monday, 6 May, at 8 p.m., general meeting.

Mid-Essex Division.—At academic unit, Chelmsford and Essex Hospital, Wednesday, 8 May, 8 for 8.30 p.m., meeting to consider Annual Report of Council.