

**34<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting of St Pauls Garda Medical Aid Society**  
**at 11.30am on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> April 2014 at The Newpark Hotel,**  
**Castlecomer Road, Kilkenny, Co Kilkenny.**

Herewith for your information are the following:

1. Notice of Annual General Meeting with the Agenda.
2. Copy of Income and Expenditure Accounts and Balance Sheet as at 31/12/2013.

**NOTICE OF MEETING.**

In accordance with Rule 35 of the Society's Rules, I hereby give notice of the Annual General Meeting of the members of St Pauls Garda Medical Aid Society. It will be held at **11.30am on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> April 2014** at **The Newpark Hotel, Castlecomer Road, Kilkenny, Co Kilkenny.** Registration commences at 11am. Non members or dependants/spouses/partners of members are precluded under the rules from attending the meeting.

The Agenda for the meeting is as follows;

1. Attendance.
2. Adoption of Standing Orders.
3. Chairman's Opening Address.
4. Minutes of 2013 Annual General Meeting.
5. Matters arising from the Minutes.
6. Presentation of Accounts for the year 2013.
7. Motions for decision below.
8. Appointment of Trustee of the Society Mr. Patrick O'Sullivan per Rule 56.
9. Any other business.

**AGENDA.**

**MOTIONS FROM THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE.**

**Rule 17.** In line 7 delete the words "the DMR and including Garda Headquarters" and insert the words "Dublin City and County" and in line 8 delete the word "DMR" and insert the words "Dublin City and County" and continue with the rule.

**Rule 17(a).** In line 1 after the word "member" insert the following words "may only contest the election for the province applicable to the registered address he has provided to the Society." and in the same line prior to the word "must" insert the word "He" and continue with the rule. In line 2 delete the word "the" and insert the word "that" and continue with the rule.

**Rule 20.4.** In line 3 delete the words "to the end of its term of office" and insert the words "for up to three years" and continue with the rule.

**The Rules of the Society can be viewed and/or printed from our website at [www.medicalaid.ie](http://www.medicalaid.ie) or will be posted to you by contacting the office by email at [customerservice@medicalaid.ie](mailto:customerservice@medicalaid.ie).**

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OWEN CONNELL Secretary

Dated: 11<sup>th</sup> March 2014.

**Explanation of Legal Costs incurred by the Society in High Court Case  
Michael Keane –v- Garda Commissioner.**

The Garda Staff Associations at the Garda Conciliation Council in report No 236 of 1980 agreed a claim to have a serving member of Garda rank allocated to administrative duties at the Society which was originally provided for in the Conroy Report of 1970. The provisions of these reports has applied ever since and a serving Garda has been allocated to the Society during the intervening years.

At a Committee meeting of the Society attended by Michael (Mick) Keane on 21<sup>st</sup> May 2013 a process to select a serving member of Garda rank to fill the administrative post at the Society was debated and agreed unanimously by the Committee. The Commissioner proceeded with the selection process and had arranged to interview applicants on 25<sup>th</sup> July 2013.

On the 24<sup>th</sup> July, Michael Keane applied to the High Court for an injunction to prevent the Garda Commissioner from continuing with interviews and to prevent his involvement in filling the post by way of Judicial Review proceedings. This High Court application was “ex parte” i.e. without notice to the other party. The injunction was granted resulting in the Garda Commissioner having to postpone the interview process. It is worth noting that Michael Keane gave no indication to the Committee of which he is a member of his intention of going to Court, nor did he express reservations about the process that he was now injuncting and which he had supported in the proposal on 21<sup>st</sup> May 2013.

At a subsequent Court hearing, the Judge ordered that the Society be included in the case as a “Notice Party” because he indicated it would be appropriate to hear the Societies position on the issue in the proceedings. This required the Committee to engage a legal team which they confined to a Solicitor and a Junior Counsel to minimise costs. The legal team submitted an extensive affidavit on behalf of the Committee and attended Court on a number of occasions dealing with various applications and adjournments. They succeeded in having the case listed for hearing at the High Court in Cork on 27<sup>th</sup> November 2013.

On the day of the Hearing in Cork High Court the applicant, Michael Keane and the Respondent, the Commissioner of An Garda Síochána agreed to strike out the proceedings with no Orders as to costs or otherwise. The Society as a Notice Party were advised by their legal team to allow the withdrawal of the case and bear its own costs because it did not have standing to pursue a case on a cost basis only. Consequently all injunctions and Court Orders were lifted and the original interview process resumed and continued to its conclusion.

The Committee has requested Michael Keane to refund the legal fees of **€15,959.00** on an ex gratia basis. To date the Society has not had a response to this request.

This information is being provided following numerous requests and enquiries to the office regarding these proceedings.

*Owen Connell*  
*Secretary*

**ST. PAUL'S GARDA MEDICAL AID SOCIETY**

**Income and Expenditure Account  
for the year ended 31st December 2013**

	Notes	2013 €	2012 €
<b>Subscription income</b>	<b>2</b>	64,874,431	64,741,929
Claims		<u>(64,592,803)</u>	<u>(62,228,491)</u>
<b>Surplus of subscription income over claims</b>		281,628	2,513,438
Health insurance levy		(76,863)	(76,810)
Administration expenses	3	(947,878)	(977,526)
<b>(Deficit)/surplus from activities</b>		<u>(743,113)</u>	<u>1,459,102</u>
Investment income and subventions	4	958,293	1,443,780
<b>Surplus for the year</b>		215,180	2,902,882
Transfer to members age reserve		<u>(96,831)</u>	<u>(1,161,153)</u>
<b>Surplus transferred to general reserve</b>		118,349	1,741,729
Retained surplus brought forward		<u>18,469,363</u>	<u>16,727,634</u>
Retained surplus carried forward		<u>18,587,712</u>	<u>18,469,363</u>

The financial statements were approved by the committee on 10th March 2014 and signed on its behalf by:

**Michael Joe Cawley**  
Chairman

**Thomas E.J. Connell**  
Secretary

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**Balance sheet  
as at 31st December 2013**

	Notes	2013 €	2013 €	2012 €	2012 €
<b>Fixed assets</b>					
Tangible assets	6		2,238,066		2,273,725
Financial assets and investments	7		39,709,443		39,703,379
			<u>41,947,509</u>		<u>41,977,104</u>
<b>Current assets</b>					
Stocks		4,716		4,545	
Debtors	8	2,805,139		3,010,783	
Cash at bank and in hand		563,919		129,690	
		<u>3,373,774</u>		<u>3,145,018</u>	
<b>Current Liabilities</b>					
Provision for outstanding claims		14,029,547		14,068,448	
Creditors and accruals	9	262,605		239,723	
		<u>14,292,152</u>		<u>14,308,171</u>	
<b>Net current assets</b>			<u>(10,918,378)</u>		<u>(11,163,153)</u>
<b>Net assets</b>			<u>31,029,131</u>		<u>30,813,951</u>
<b>Represented by:</b>					
<b>Accumulated Funds</b>					
Investment reserve	10		31,680		31,680
Members' age reserve	10		12,409,739		12,312,908
General reserve	10		18,587,712		18,469,363
<b>Members' funds</b>			<u>31,029,131</u>		<u>30,813,951</u>

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The notes on pages 9 to 14 form an integral part of these financial statements.