

**London Ambulance Service Unison Branch  
Committee Meeting**

**15<sup>th</sup> of February 2010 – LAS HQ Conference Room**

**Present:** Eric Roberts –Branch Secretary  
Eddie Brand – Chair  
Sarah Hardy – Vice Chair  
Rob Matthews- North West Sector  
Rob Sydney - Communications  
Peter Hannell – Diversity/Equality Officer  
Mark Lione – Membership Officer  
Brian Robinson-East Central Sector  
Julie Shirt – North East Sector  
Dave Lamey-South West Sector  
Claudette McNaughton-EOC  
Tim Stephens-Central Sector  
Andrea Gibbs-Welfare Officer  
Rob Sydney-Communications Officer  
Gary Edwards-West Sector  
Michael Apps-Retired Members Officer  
Richard Chow-EOC  
Hannah Curror-West Sector  
Clare Hodgson-East Central Sector  
Linda King-North West Sector  
George Achilles-Treasurer  
Mark Belkin- Education Officer  
Ian Lee- Health & Safety Officer  
Phil Thompson-Unison Regional Organiser

**Apologies**

Paul O'Neill  
Harry Day

**Introductions and Welcome:**

- (EB) Welcomed everyone to the branch committee meeting.

**Previous Minutes:**

- Minutes from the previous meeting on the 14<sup>th</sup> of January 2010, should of stated on page 3 that there were “high levels of sickness among Emd staff at EOC”,reported by Richard Chow.

**Matters arising:**

- None.

**Branch Secretary's Report (ER)**

- Legal report and running total of compensation distributed. Compensation totalling £56,200.25p has been awarded to LAS Unison Branch members since March 2009.

£1,413,638.58p of compensation has been obtained by the branch on behalf of its members since 1999.

- (ER) Received acknowledgement and thanks for the £300 donation given to Unison welfare.
- (ER) Received acknowledgement and thanks for the £200 donation given to the Hazards Campaign.
- (ER) Informed the branch that he had received an invitation to re-affiliate with the "Trade Union Friends of Searchlight". This was agreed by the branch.
- (ER)The Branch nominated Dave Prentis for Unison's General Secretary.
- (ER)The National Conference delegates were nominated. Sarah Hardy will take the female seat and Richard Chow will take the male seat.
- (ER) Informed the branch that (EB) had delivered a speech at the Regional Council AGM, appealing to all branches to make donations to the Cuban Medical Mission in Haiti. The branch agreed a £1000 donation.
- (ER) Reminded Branch Members that the AGM is on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> of March 2010, it will be held at the Union Jack Club Waterloo.

#### **Partnership Forum/Constitution (ER)**

- (ER) The H&S constitution is still being finalised. It will then go to the Staff Council for ratification.

#### **Foundation Trust Update**

- Staff Council Trade Unions have been offered a Board of Governor seat in their own right. A decision will be made in due course.

#### **Branch Officers Reports**

##### **Staff Council (EB)**

- (EB) No meetings has taken place since last Branch Committee.

##### **Labour Link (JG)**

- No report.

##### **Diversity/Equalities (PH)**

- (PH) Informed the branch that the Equality impact assessments are still ongoing.

##### **Membership (ML)**

- List of new members agreed into the branch.

##### **Education (MB)**

- No report.

##### **Treasurer Report (GA)**

- (GA)Distributed a copy of the Branch Accounts for the previous year. These were accepted by the Committee to go to the AGM.

**EOC (RC)** Verbal report given.

### **Health and Safety (IL)**

- UVM are in administration. The contract has been given to a new provider.
- Manger elks are continuing to be fitted onto vehicles.
- There is still no date for the C-Max chair to be trialled.

### **Regional Officer (PT)**

- **(PT)** Reported to the branch that there are problems which are arising in the private sector. PT proposed that all existing Medical Services Ambulance members transfer into the LAS branch. Phil suggested also trying to get someone seconded for a short time to deal with the matters arising.(PT) to report back to the branch.
- The Branch Officer nominations are now closed. There are two posts which have received two nominations for each :  
Branch Secretary post - the nominees for this post is current Branch Secretary Eric Roberts and Robin Sayer.  
Vice Chair post - Current Vice Chair Sarah Hardy and Steve Harbord.  
Ballot papers will be sent out from next week. All other branch posts received one nomination each so nominees are automatically elected.

**Welfare (AG)** Verbal report given.

**Retired Members (MA)** Verbal report given.

**Communications (RS)** Verbal Report given

### **PTS (GE)**

- GE informed the branch that 9 PTS contracts have gone out to tender. Gary to keep branch updated.

### **AOB**

- (ER) Received three Retirement grants- Alan Wright & Roy Gibson from Isleworth complex and William Halpenny from Edmonton complex .These were all agreed by the branch.

Date of next meeting – 15<sup>th</sup> of March 2010 at the Union Jack Club Waterloo at 1500hrs. The AGM will be held in the evening.