



<p><b>Branch Secretary's report (ER)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Legal report and running total of compensation distributed. Compensation totaling £117,567.94p has been awarded to LAS Unison branch members since March 2008. £1,422,020.08p of compensation has been obtained by the branch on behalf of its members since 1999.</li> <li>- Memorandum of Understanding with Unison concerning the London Ambulance Service as an NHS Foundation Trust was debated. More information to follow.</li> <li>- The branch has won £200 in the UIA Insurance annual draw.</li> <li>- Letter of thanks received from Mrs. Lilian Kenneth for donation made in the name of Ian Kenneth who sadly passed away.</li> <li>- NHS Pay Body Review report distributed.</li> <li>- Unison objectives and priorities for 2009.</li> <li>- Overpayment of Public Sector Pensions.</li> <li>- 2009 National Executive Committee Branch Nominations – The committee agreed to the proposed nominations of Conroy Lawrence, Kim Silver, Louise Couling, Christine Sullivan, Ann Moses, Eric Roberts, Claire Williams and Sofi Taylor.</li> <li>- National Conference delegates – The committee agreed that ER and KW would attend as male and female delegates respectively. ER will also be giving a presentation on the rebuilding of Cuba's ambulance service at the Cuba fringe. GE agreed as male sub.</li> <li>- Presentation of the Honorary Life Membership Award to John A. Whiting will take place in February( time and location TBA.). It was proposed by CT that the money won from the UIA draw be used towards a presentation function.</li> </ul>	<p>Agreed</p> <p>Agreed</p> <p>Agreed</p>
<p><b>Partnership Forum/Constitution (ER)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Every recognised union has now signed up the new constitution. ER and EB are working on the timetable for the work place representative elections.</li> <li>- GMB apology – ER has accepted an apology made in writing to him by Dave Powell the GMB Regional Organiser over remarks made in emails. However DP still needs to retract his comments regarding UNISON. ER stated that if no retraction was made by the first meeting of the staff council in February then we would have to consider our response carefully. It was noted that it is unacceptable that a full time paid union official should make such comments. CT asked how this would affect anyone at station level; ER said this would not be known until the staff council meeting.</li> </ul> <p><b>Foundation Trust Update</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- ER stated that it is still early days within the two pilot sites (LAS and NEAS). By law the LAS have to consult with the public, its staff, external agencies and stake holders. Questionnaires are to be sent out.</li> <li>- At present the Staff Council is the highest joint committee, but with foundation trust status there would be a tier above where those sitting can nominate themselves or any other member of staff. There have been issues regarding this within some PCT's that have acquired foundation trust status.</li> <li>- ER warned that if we were not in the tier between the Staff Council and the Trust Board then we would not have an influence in decision making and other people outside the Union would.</li> <li>- ER said it is important that we do not throw our hard work over the years away and we could not accept the door being slammed in our faces.</li> <li>- ER is awaiting a reply from Caron Hitchen. ER also believes that we can improve pay using AfC pay rates as minimum pay if we have the right people on the Foundation Trust Council of Governors.</li> <li>- JG stated that on the whole Labour Link is opposed to Foundation Trusts and that if there were to be a change of government than this may affect pay terms and conditions.</li> <li>- ER stated that Unison policy is opposed to Foundation Trust status but we cannot bury our heads in the sand and just let it be forced upon us if it happens.</li> </ul>	

<b>Branch Officer Reports:-</b>	
<b>Communication (RS)</b> - No report.	
<b>Retired Members (MA)</b> - No report.	
<b>Health and Safety</b> - No report.	

<b>Membership (DS)</b> - List of new members distributed - new members agreed by committee. - ER reminds the committee that recruitment of new members is everyone's responsibility.	Agreed
<b>Treasurer (GA)</b> - End of year accounts have been completed, no problems are envisaged. For distribution at AGM.	
<b>PTS (GE)</b> - No report. However CT queried that PTS crews were being sent to some minor calls and then private ambulances were then being used to cover their work. -	GE to investigate
<b>Welfare (AS)</b> - No report. -	
<b>EOC (RC)</b> - No report.	
<b>Diversity/Equalities (PH)</b> - PH met with the new Equalities Manager Janice Markey on 17 <sup>th</sup> Dec. They discussed policies, toured the back station at HQ and discussed the issues surrounding the MRUs. PH suggested that she be invited to attend the next branch committee meeting. ER to deal. - PH extended his thanks to NP for having done a really good job in difficult circumstances over the move into Brent Station.	Agreed
<b>Education (MB)</b> - 12 <sup>th</sup> and 13 <sup>th</sup> May will be the next introductory stewards course. - Grievance and Disciplinary course planned for 16 <sup>th</sup> and 17 <sup>th</sup> June, however this clashes with the National Delegate Conference. Dates may need to be changed. - Preparing a questionnaire for existing workplace representatives to see what training or courses would be suitable	
<b>Labour Link (JG)</b> - European Elections to be held in June 2009. The Trade Union & Labour Party Liaison Organisation (TULO) will be taking action in order to maximise votes. It is important to keep the BNP out. - JG attended a function at the Streatham Labour Party for Keith Hill MP with the Unison Greater London Committee.	
<b>Pensions (PH)</b> - No report.	

<b>Regional Organiser (PT)</b> - No report.	
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<b>Staff Council (EB)</b> - No report.	
<b>AOB</b> - GE submitted a retirement function request on behalf of Leonard Godliman from Hanwell Station who has served 30+ years. - CT asked for clarification regarding the issue of skill mix.	Agreed/GA to deal  EB to deal
<b>Date of Next Meeting</b> - 10 <sup>th</sup> February 2009 time TBC	