

**London Ambulance Service Unison Branch  
Committee Meeting**

**14<sup>th</sup> January 2008 1030hrs Conference Room HQ**

**Present:** Eric Roberts –Branch Secretary  
Eddie Brand – Chair  
Sarah Hardy – Vice Chair  
George Achilles – Treasurer  
Ian Lee – Health and Safety Officer  
Dave Smith - Equalities Officer  
Mark Belkin – Education Officer  
John Gough – Labour Link officer  
Peter Hannell – Membership/Pensions Officer  
Mark Lione – East Central Sector  
John A Whiting – North East Sector  
David Lamey – South West Sector  
Nadine Poonawala – North West Sector  
Karen Walling – West Sector  
Richard Chow – EOC  
Harry Day – Training Sector  
Rob Mathews – North West Sector  
Phil Thompson – Regional Officer  
Julie Shirt – North East Sector

**Apologies:** Michael Apps  
Andrea Gibbs  
Rob Sydney  
Gary Edwards  
Claudette McNaughton  
Paul O’Neill

**Introductions and Welcome:**

**Previous Minutes:**

- Minutes from 12<sup>th</sup> December 2007 agreed as a true record. (Richard Chow was in attendance)

**Matters arising:**

- None

**Branch Secretary’s Report (ER)**

- Legal report and running total of compensation distributed £1,290,668.06 of compensation has been obtained by the branch for its members since 1999.
- Thanks were received from the Worshipful Company of Hackney Carriage Drivers for the children’s magical taxi tour donation.
- A travel mug with branch logo is to be distributed to all members of UNISON.
- Delegates for the Health Conference have been elected for 2008; it will be Eric Roberts and Nadine Poonawala.
- PTS Seminar will take place on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of February 2008.

- Regional Council delegates were elected; they will be Eddie Brand, Dave Smith, Julie Shirt and Claudette McNaughton.
- Partnership Forum ongoing meetings between Sector Rep's and Management will be taking place every two weeks. This is in the very early stages, and everyone will have involvement with the reviews. (ER) will keep branch and Reps informed.

### **Agenda for Change**

- Bank Holidays – Still at National Joint Secretaries.

### **Partnership Forum Items**

- This will now be part of Agenda instead of Workforce Planning.

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

- No report

### **Equal Opportunities (DS)**

- Dave will be attending a 'White Work Staff' meeting to discuss opportunities for the future. A report back will be given hopefully at next meeting.

### **Membership (PH)**

- List of new members agreed into the branch.
- There is a meeting soon about a pension update, and a possibility of pension road shows. Details will follow.

### **Education (MB)**

- New reps course takes place on 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> January 2008 at Kings Cross.

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

- A verbal report was given. The end of year accounts will be ready for the AGM.

### **EOC (RC)**

- Verbal report including an issue regarding Bank Staff and overtime offers before core staff.
- Members who have been overpaid as part of Agenda for Change will have meetings to discuss options.

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

- Incident data recorders. 70 FRU's are now fitted and active
- FRU driver training has begun.
- Blankets: meeting with Chris Vale head of logistics took place around the current contract and the possibility of local laundry management is to be investigated. 6000 new blankets are due for delivery the first week in January.
- LA52/277 work to combine these two forms has begun in order to make the whole incident recording process a lot easier to complete.
- V.E.W.G cancelled due to REAP level, next meeting scheduled for March.
- Mangar Elk's: Money should be available to purchase 130 units in this coming financial year.

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

- Election forms should be in the mail for Branch Officer Posts.
- AGM is to be held on the 14<sup>th</sup> of March 2008, 1800hrs, Union Jack Club.

**AOB**

- PH: mileage rates are still under discussion, and this has been raised at the staff council.  
ER to keep everyone informed