



## London Ambulance Unison Branch Committee Meeting

13<sup>th</sup> April 2017 1030hrs – Conference Room, HQ Waterloo

**Present:** Eddie Brand – Branch Secretary  
Phil Thompson – Unison Regional Organiser  
Sarah Hardy – Vice Chair  
Christine Tanner – Welfare Officer  
Rob Sydney – Communications Officer  
Mark Lione – Private Membership (Seconded to Unison)  
Michael Apps – Retired Members Officer  
Mark Belkin - Education Officer  
Paul Ray – North East Sector  
Brian Robinson – East Central Sector  
Kate Goodson – East Central Sector  
Paul Chiddington – West Sector  
Zafar Sardar – EOC  
Samad Billoo – EOC/Equalities

**Apologies:** Steve Johnson  
George Achilles  
Ian Lee  
Peter Hannell  
Tim Stephens  
Marcus Davis  
Marie Randall  
Julie Cunnane  
Paul O'Neill

Introductions and apologies	Action
SH welcomed the committee to the branch meeting	
<b>Previous Minutes</b>	
- Minutes from the previous meeting on 17 <sup>th</sup> March 2017 <u>agreed</u> as a true record.	
<b>Matters arising</b>	
- Retirement functions grant-still a work in progress.	MR/SJ
<b>Branch Secretary's report (EB)</b>	
- Legal report and running total of compensation distributed. - Running total of compensation from March 2017 is £3090.	

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>£2,758,696.76p</b> of compensation has been obtained by the branch on behalf of its members since March 1999. Three new legal forms have been processed since March 2017</li> <li>- 'Where next for housing in London' briefing information distributed, those interested need to register.</li> <li>- NHS support staff -week of action-more information to be circulated closer to the event.</li> <li>- Retirement function form-agreed by branch that member needs to be retired from all forms of work. If on bank contract not covered by retired membership. EB to inform member</li> <li>- NEC election info</li> <li>- Regional council results</li> <li>- EB invited committee members to vote in TUC organising awards and Women's gold badge award</li> <li>- Health training day-paperwork will be distributed at the next meeting</li> <li>- PAY- feedback needed from members on how the branch wants to respond to Health service group by 02.05.17</li> <li>- NQP's skill matrix paperwork circulated</li> <li>- Letter from EMAS in support of staff attending Westminster attack and also email received from Gordon McKay in support</li> <li>- Volunteers for attendance at a meeting requested by John Goldie, no volunteers forthcoming.</li> </ul>	RS
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<b>Branch Officer Reports: -</b>	
<b>Communication (RS)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- No report</li> </ul>	
<b>Retired Members (MA)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- One new retired member</li> <li>- Branch agreed that Terry Penny could attend retired members conference.</li> </ul>	
<b>Health and Safety (IL)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- No report.</li> </ul>	

<b>Membership (TS)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- No report.</li> </ul>	
<b>Treasurer (GA)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- No report.</li> </ul>	

<b>Welfare (CT)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Regional welfare committee 21.04.17.</li> <li>- Newsletter distributed</li> </ul>	
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<b>Equalities (SB)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Generally poor diversity in LAS but LGBT well represented.</li> </ul>	
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<b>Education (MB)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- New courses available</li> </ul>	
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<b>Labour Link (JA)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- No report</li> </ul>	
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<b>Pensions (PH)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- No report.</li> </ul>	
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<b>Fleet (BB)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- No report.</li> </ul>	
<b>Regional Organiser (PT)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- NEAS award for Eric</li> <li>- Discussed life member of branch-<u>agreed</u></li> <li>- Noted Eric 68<sup>th</sup> birthday Monday</li> <li>- Lack of communication/partnership working regarding appointment of new CEO</li> </ul>	
<b>Private Ambulance services (ML)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Recruitment at RNLH</li> <li>- G4S Barts and London contract</li> <li>- ERS still trading waiting for buyer</li> <li>- Legal cases due to restructure</li> </ul>	

<b>Staff Council/OPF (EB)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Staff Council meeting in May</li> <li>- OPF cancelled.</li> </ul>	
<b>Senior Sector/Area Representatives Reports</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>North East</b> –Station elections on going.</li> <li>- <b>East Central</b> – K1 station elections complete, G3 on going,</li> <li>- <b>West</b> – TSU/Hart station elections on going all other stations complete. 4 x new reps. AGM 05.05.17.</li> <li>- <b>Central</b> – No report</li> <li>- <b>North West</b> – Rota review at K4. Station elections underway.</li> <li>- <b>South West</b> – No report.</li> </ul> <p><b>EOC</b> – 2 x disciplinary</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- lack of support from management</li> <li>- 102 leavers and 140 new recruits, membership increasing</li> </ul> <p><b>EOC H&amp;S</b> – No report.</p>	

<b>AOB</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- None</li> </ul>	
<b>Date of Next Meeting</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 17<sup>th</sup> May – Conference Room LAS HQ at 1400.</li> </ul>	