

# UNITE AGM

20<sup>th</sup> February 2008

## Minutes

**Apologies:** Irene Watson, Meg Stark, Lot Doucet

17 members present

**Minutes of last AGM:** Read and approved

### **Election of officers**

- Chair Lucy Hudson
- Vice Chair Mike Snelling
- Secretary Bob Hide
- Treasurer Richard Armitage
- Health and Safety Les Turner and Sue Firth as kindly offered to support Les with a view to taking over the role.
- Pensions Bob Hide (N) Lucy Hudson (T) Ian Wright (N) Norman Beach (R)
- Trade Council -

### **Departmental Reps**

- Auditors Lot Doucet & Chris Kelly

### **Reports**

#### Secretary

Joint union negotiations are becoming a reality, single table bargaining is supported by Unite, UCU are voting nationally whether they support joint bargaining at national level. National office say joint bargaining already recognised and if UCU do not come to table at national level, that's their choice. It is thought Uni of York support a single table at national level.

#### Treasurer

Funds are in the black at +£100, expenses for the year included contributions to staff retiring, a pension's lunch and Committee sandwiches. The Branch agreed to similar spending in the coming year.

#### Pension

There was a 6.5M surplus as of July 07 which is predicted to be reduced by 2.7M. This was confirmed by the actuary as a one off hit due to HERA (which affects the last 2 years figures). But liabilities have increased for cost of future service and life expectancy and this will have long term effects on the funds. Uni of York have called a special meeting to propose a few options for the fund to consider, information will be passed on at future committee meetings.

#### Health & Safety

There were concerns how long the Isotope Disposal investigation took and the mistakes that were made in the final report, which incorrectly sited Uni of York staff. We are waiting for the corrected report with an apology to be presented.