

Branch Meeting
Tuesday 27th January
6.30 p.m.

STUC
333 Woodlands Road
Glasgow
G3 6NG



Branch member
Bill Goudie,
Employee Director at
Greater Glasgow
NHS Board

Page 2

- Elections at January Meeting
- 2004 Subscription rates
- Sheila McKechnie 1948-2004
- A Happy 2004?

Shock Executive Election Result

The new rules governing the election of lay members to the union's National Executive Committee have lead to a shock result . The new set-up gives NHS members the right to elect three national seats on the NEC. The contest became a struggle between what was seen as the establishment (led by a biomedical scientist David Houliston) and the broad left (led by a speech therapist Gill George). Contrary to the expectations of most, the self styled Amicus Gazette candidates made a clean sweep of the

three NHS seats.


Accordingly, Gill George along with Dave Hutchison (biomedical scientist) and Janet Moir (CPHVA) will represent the interests of NHS members on the executive.

The union's new national committee for the NHS will be elected from group representatives attending the NHS regional conferences which are due to be held in March. Further details will be sent out soon by the Regional Office— please make sure that your group representative attends.

Branch Meetings 2004

Tuesday 27th January
Wednesday 25th February
Thursday 25th March
Tuesday 27th April
Wednesday 26th May
Thursday 24th June
Tuesday 31st August
Wednesday 29th September
Thursday 28th October
Wednesday 24th November

Contacts

		
Chair	Donald Sime	0141 211 2246
Secretary	Maureen Jenkins	0141 201 3044
Treasurer	Richard Shaw	0141 201 0412
Vice-chair	Helen McFarlane	0141 211 0800
Assistant Secretary	Vacant	
Safety Officer	Derek Anstee	0141 211 2128
Women's Officer	Helen McFarlane	0141 211 0800
Newsletter Editor	James Ito	0141 201 0405

Elections at January Branch Meeting

1. The union will be holding a Scottish Regional Branch-based Conference in March. This Branch is entitled to send three delegates who will be elected at the January Branch meeting.
 2. The union will be holding a Regional Women's Conference. The branch's (female) delegate will be elected at the January Branch meeting.
 3. Greater Glasgow NHS Board Area Partnership Forum—the Branch's delegate to this body will be elected at the January Branch meeting.
 4. Service Re-design Committee of Greater Glasgow NHS Board—the Branch's nomination for this committee will be elected at the January Branch meeting
-

2004 Contribution Rates

With effect from 1st January, the following subscription rates will apply:

Full-time: £9.20 per month

Part-time: £5.10 per month (part-time = less than 20 hours per month)

Young: £5.10 per month (young = aged less than 21 years)

Retired: £10 per annum.

The above rates include political levy. Where members have contracted out of paying the political levy the subscription is reduced by 50p per month for full time members and pro-rata for others.

Sheila McKechnie 1948-2004 by David Houliston

Dame Sheila McKechnie died on the 2nd January, 2004. Whilst in recent years she was in the public eye as the highly effective Director of the Consumers' Association, many of us will remember her as the union's (then ASTMS) Health and Safety Officer from 1976 to 1985. She made an enormous impression and it was mainly due to her drive and enthusiasm that the Health & Safety at Work Act became a workable reality. She will be sadly missed.

A Happy 2004? By Mike Chapman

The Chinese have a curse 'May you live in interesting times'; well amicus NHS members look likely to find out the truth of this curse in 2004. From the 1st January they have a completely new union structure with most of the previous bodies being abolished—will the new ones be better at representing your interests? Will the new representatives be more accountable than their predecessors or less? Whilst these changes are occurring, NHS members will have to decide whether to accept the Agenda for Change proposals and then deal with the consequences of that decision.

Branch Meeting Tuesday 27th January

1. Apologies for absence.
2. Minutes of previous meeting and arising.
3. Correspondence.
4. Elections (see top of page)
5. Reports.
6. Motions for Branch Regional Conference.
7. A.O.C.B.

The next meeting of the Branch will be held on Wednesday 25th February at 6.30 p.m. All meetings are held in the Scottish Trade Union Congress, 333 Woodlands Road, Glasgow G3 6NG.
(Tea, coffee & biscuits 6.15 p.m.)

