

Morgannwg Local Dental Committee

Secretary's Report 26th March, 2013

The meeting of 26th March will be the last meeting of the current LDC. As you will be aware, David Westcott has resigned from the LDC and will not be a member during the next term from April 2013 to April 2015. I'm sure you would all agree that he was Chair during a very busy and productive time and in my view his leadership during this period was second to none. For me it was a pleasure working closely with him. Rhian Paul has taken over since Dave resigned from the Chair and has been working hard to get herself up to speed and putting her own stamp on things and I'm sure the LDC will have a busy and productive two years and more, when the main agenda will be involvement in the transition to and implementation of a new contract.

My time since the last meeting has been taken mainly in the administration leading up to and organisation of the biennial General Meeting of Practitioners on Monday, 22nd April, the election of members to the new committee and updating of the constitution of the committee. The recent nomination process has resulted in new LDC members who will hopefully be able to attend Tuesday's meeting although they don't take office until after the BGM.

The proposed updated constitution will be discussed under item 12 on the agenda. Reference to the relevant NHS Legislation has been updated as have the local health bodies which statutorily recognise the LDC. In table 1 in item 3.1 on page 2 of the document I have suggested an increase in the numbers of LDC members from 20 to 25, so that we can introduce new members to the LDC. The Locality representation is proportionate to the numbers of performers in each locality. You will be aware that LDCs in England have now been recognised and I have compared the BDA model constitution in England with our constitution. There are no differences taking into consideration the differing recognising authorities.

The BGM will be preceded by refreshments, courtesy, thanks to Sarah, of Henry Schein, who will also present a small exhibition at 6.30pm. This will be followed by a presentation by David Thomas, Chief Dental Officer for Wales on the future of Dentistry in the NHS in Wales at 7.00pm, followed by the BGM at 8.00 to 8.15 pm.

I have been involved in discussions around the Out of Hours service and Access sessions and will present an oral report on the current position at the LDC meeting on Tuesday.

Roger Pratley
Secretary