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## News from the Finance & Membership Team

*Part of the North West Region's  
Corporate Services Section*

### ***July 2009***

#### **New Year, New Team**

You will see from the above that we have changed – we are now the Finance & Membership Team. This happened at the end January following on from Linda Gorst previous Head of Regional Membership leaving UNISON.

The new team structure is-

Stephen Jones (Team Manager)

Finance section  
Delphine Conway  
Linda Hamilton  
Kim Scott

Membership section  
Chris Chaplin  
Andrea Mellor  
Mandy Hammersley  
Irene Ballantyne  
Bernie Carroll

We currently have a vacant post in the membership section.

During the coming year we hope that more Branch Finance information will be available to branches via the UNISON RMS membership system. We will keep you informed of progress.

#### **Annual Financial Returns & Final Accounts**

A big thank you to those of you who got your branch financial return in on time.

Unfortunately six of our branch colleagues did not manage to meet the deadline, and as a result of this the penalties imposed under UNISON rules were applied to those branches

#### **Revaluation Reserves**

We have been told by our Head Office that a few branches in UNISON have re-valued their freehold office property to reflect the current market value since acquisition, giving rise to a revaluation reserve.

It's UNISON policy not to re-value freehold property so could we ask that if your branch does own freehold property you don't revalue it in the accounts.

If you need more information and advice on UNISON's depreciation policy please contact Stephen or Delphine at the Regional Office.

### **Branch Treasurers Convention**

Thanks to all who attended. Once again we had a very good attendance with 67 branch delegates coming along.

The morning session was run by Sotirios Loizou from UNISON Head Office who gave a demonstration of a new excel based book-keeping package which has been developed for branch accounting use.

A follow on full training course was held in the Region recently for branches who expressed an interest in using the package and several of the Region's branches have agreed to take part in a trial of the package.

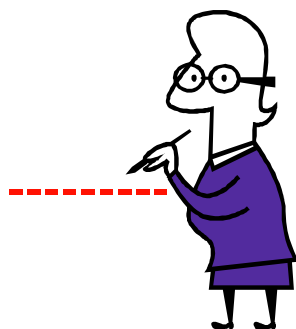
### **Join on line**

Don't forget that it's possible to join UNISON on line at any time of the day or night.

Go to [www.unison.org.uk](http://www.unison.org.uk) and click on the join tab.

It's possible to join instantly and make arrangements to pay by Direct Debit.

Since join on line started a few weeks ago over 8,000 new members have joined UNISON on line so it's proving to be very popular



### **Rolled out branches**

Is your branch a rolled out branch?

Do you make full use of the membership system?

If you are not sure get in touch with the Chris or Andrea from the membership team who will be able to assist you.

### **Coming next**

Enhancements are planned particularly to the Finance Function of the RMS, which hopefully will mean branches will be able to view the branch funding, employer receipts, etc via the RMS system.

This is still in the development stage but we will keep you updated on progress.

### **Contact telephone numbers for the Finance & Membership Team (direct dial numbers)**

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Kim Scott - 0161 661 6742

#### ***Membership***

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Bernie Carroll – 0161 661 6780

*Lancashire & Cumbria Branches*

Chris Chaplin – 0161 661 6769

Irene Ballantyne 0161 661 6711

*Greater Manchester Branches*

Andrea Mellor – 0161 661 6709

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### **Useful Head Office telephone numbers**

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– 0207 551 1367

Sotirios Loizou – Regional & Branch  
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