

AOHNP (UK) – Update for POOSH Meeting on 8 December 2009

Siobhan Clarke tenders her apologies for the meeting.

Following our Annual General Meeting on 12 November, we are pleased to confirm that Jeremy Smith remains as our President but that our Vice President is now Christina Butterworth. Christina is the Health Risk Manager for BG Group.

Jeremy Smith is now our representative on the Council for Work and Health. The work of the Council, with its independent chair, Diana Kloss, is gaining pace and the next meeting is scheduled for February 2010. Regular updates on the work of the Council will be placed on the Association website.

At the meeting held on 27 October 2009 Dame Carol Black clarified that the work being done by the National Stakeholder Council and CWH would not conflict and it was hoped that both Councils would be able to work together.

A working party, led by Diana Kloss, was to be set up to consider how to inform the public of what professional qualifications mean. Additionally a separate working party will deal with OH nurse training and the NMC. AOHNP will be part of this working party since we have already made contact with NMC on this subject.

The Association was represented on the stakeholder group led by Dr Paul Nicholson (FOM) to produce standards of accreditation for occupational health providers. These standards are now nearing completion. AOHNP (UK) has also been asked to remain on the working party who will continue to monitor the progress of the standards as they move into their final stage.

Our 2010 Ruth Alston Memorial Lecture and dinner will be held at the Hilton Birmingham Metropole Hotel, NEC on Tuesday, 9 March. Our guest speaker for the 2010 RAML will be Dame Christine Beasley, DBE, Chief Nursing Officer, England who will be speaking about *“What is more important – the effect of health on work or the effect of work on health?”* Additionally Christina Butterworth will be leading a debate with Dame Christine on this same subject.

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