

**NOTES OF THE
EAST MIDLANDS SOLACE BRANCH - ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
HELD ON 22 MAY 2006 AT PERA CENTRE, MELTON MOWBRAY**

ACTION

1. Apologies

Apologies were received from the Chairman and Vice Chairman, Simon Bovey (SB) welcomed those in attendance.

2. Branch Business

a) Chairman's Report

SB advised of the Chairman's Report, which was duly read out. It was noted that Duncan Kerr had made progress as Chairman on a variety of issues for the benefit of members and potential members of SOLACE in the East Midlands. The Report confirmed that Duncan wished to stand down but still play an active part in the Branch. **AGREED:** Thanks are recorded for Duncan's year at the helm.

b) Treasurer's Report

SB advised of the Treasurer's Report. This had been produced by the now retired Mel Brown, to whom thanks were due for his years of contribution, and confirmed a healthy accounts balance of £3,851.08 duly audited. SB invited reconsideration of Branch subscription and it was **AGREED** that Branch subscriptions be suspended for 12 months. This was due to the healthy account balance and acknowledgement that members already paid national subscription.

Treasurer (AM)

c) Election of Officers – East Midlands Branch

SB reported the nominations received for officer elections and it was **AGREED** that the following be appointed to serve for 12 months

Chairman	Simon Bovey
Vice Chairman	Josie McGuirk
Honorary Secretary & Branch Development Officer	Duncan Kerr
Honorary Treasurer	Alan Mellor
Honorary Auditor	Pete Murphy
National Council Representatives	Duncan Kerr Ruth Marlow

No deputies were identified.

Thanking those in support of the nominations, SB advised that he would be seeking Chief Executives and Senior Managers support for the Branch, in the belief that the Branch has the significant potential to be an influential lobby group and consultee, as well as a family of colleagues facing similar issues. National SOLACE would be advised of the appointments

SB

3. Date of next meeting was confirmed as:

20 October at De Montfort University, Leicester at 10.00am (with lunch)

ALL