**KONP AGM Notes**

Saturday 16 July 2016

Unite, 34-37 Moreland Street, London EC!, 10.30-16.30

Tony O’Sullivan, Co-chair, opened the meeting.

Keith Venables, Co-chair, addressed the meeting. In a summary statement, he outlined how KONP was in a better position than a year ago. Partnerships had been developed.

Tony thanked the office staff for their work before presenting the reports. He reviewed communications and forthcoming developments and outlined the progress of the Labour Advisory group.

Jacky Davis delivered the finance report and also summarised the KONP Twitter account. KONP was not yet in a stable financial position owing to a large expense on the KONP website (not ongoing) and a drop in donations from Doctors for the NHS. She appealed for more stable donations because of the ongoing need to employ professional staff and ideally to increase their hours to at or near full time, so that KONP could achieve more nationally. She appealed to members to send out an appeal letter to those they know.

John Lister addressed the meeting as KONP secretary. He summarised the worked with Health Campaigns Together and told meeting about the September conference in Birmingham on STPs.

Tony told meeting about NHS Bill presentation and the need to continue support for it.

Terry Tallis addressed the meeting on the recent development of patrons, for raising the profile of KONP and fund raising.

**MOTIONS**

*TTIP Sub group*

Gay Lee addressed the meeting and summarised the action points people could take. The biggest risk was now from CETA. Brexit would not make much difference. CETA was essentially undemocratic.

Voted in favour unanimously.

*Against STPs*

Eve Turner spoke to the meeting. STPs were a reorganisation and were undemocratic. Their purpose was to bring about cuts. Need was to share information and keep up pressure.

STPs were being formulated in secret and would be subject to further change by NHS England even after submission: they were completely undemocratic.

Voted in favour unanimously.

*Campaign about further NHS funding*

Sally Ruane addressed the meeting. Finance gap was widening to give us an entire decade of only 1% increase per year. Causing many problems. Danger of irreversible long term damage. Chronic under funding used for other goals, to contract out to low cost bidders, to undermine public confidence. UK can afford to pay more. More spending on NHS benefits economy. Ideology is driving the agenda, not financial need.

Voted in favour unanimously.

*Group on PFI*

Coral Jones addressed the meeting. Monitoring of PFI was needed across the country by a small group.

Amendment suggested, to talk to a wider range of people.

Voted in favour. One abstention.

*John Lipetz motion*

John proposed an amendment to add para about trade agreement with Canada.

Voted in favour, one against, one abstention.

The remaining two motions were deferred until later in the afternoon.

John Lister and Colin Leys then addressed the meeting in turn.

**Summing up**

Keith addressed the meeting. He reminded the meeting that motionswere in effect from next SG, 10 Sept.

*Motion 6*

Nick addressed the meeting.

A point made about can we not use HCT for this?

Jacky: direct action gets media attention and appeals to groups like junior doctors.

Pete: what does this mean in practical terms? Risk of isolating KONP. Repeated by Greg.

Voted: In favour, 27; 18 against, 5 abstentions - passed.

*Motion 2a*

Voted in favour, 6 abstentions.