



**Minutes of the  
Institute of Licensing (London Region)  
Members Meeting Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March 2009  
Held at Camden Council Offices**

1. The chairman introduced the meeting by noting the untimely loss of Everton Kirkwood, a member of the Institute and one of Camden's licensing officers. He expressed condolences to Everton's family, friends and colleagues on behalf of the region.

Thanks were again expressed to Camden Council for being host to the meeting which was attended by over 60 members and guests, and to Julia Sawyer for organising the meeting.

2. Leo Charlabides, Barrister at Arden Chambers set out the main provisions contained in the Policing and Crime Bill whilst explaining their implications for licensing and connections with other legislation. This was accompanied by notes of the talk which were much in demand.

3. Philip Doyle spoke briefly about the need for candidates to come forward for the positions of secretary and vice chairman on the executive committee before our next meeting, when the election of officials will take place, and expressed his intention to stand again for election as chairman of the London region.

This was followed by an explanation from the vice chairman, David Chambers, of planned changes to the London and national constitution which he had developed in concert with Sue Towler the national executive officer. Those procedures impact on the procedure for the election of officers and are subject to ratification by the national board. A vote on the adoption of those procedures saw them agreed by an overwhelming majority. They were:

“(a) That the election of officers for 2009/2010 be in accordance with paragraphs 6.4(a) to (d) of the draft Regional Constitution together with any amendments made by the Board at its meeting on 2 April 2009.

(b) That in the event of there being more than one candidate for a particular post the election for that post to be by secret ballot.”



4. Following the coffee break, the meeting was entertained by James Rankin, barrister at Francis Taylor Building, with an explanation of the provisions and implications of the Government's plans for changing the law on nude tableside dancing and the adoption of the provisions contained in the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1982. This was most informative and well received by the meeting.

5. Alastair Noble a policy officer in the Home Office explained the Government's policy objective in respect of the Policing and Crime Bill and then answered questions from the floor.

6. The chairman thanked all of the speakers for their efforts and this was followed by a buffet lunch.