New 6:45 start time for AGM, David Bailey

OUR BRANCH meetings have a new, earlier, start time – from now on they begin at 6.45pm. They will also finish slightly earlier at 8.45pm, so that everybody is out of the building before 9pm. This is to prevent our colleague, the receptionist at the NUJ’s HQ where we have our meetings, doing unpaid overtime.

The LFB meeting on Monday 14 January is its Annual General Meeting. We elect the new Committee for the next year: see below for Committee posts and what they entail. Our AGM is also the opportunity to propose any changes to Standing Orders – the Branch constitution (www.londonfreelance.org/lfb/rules.html). We also elect two auditors (not Committee members) to scrutinise the Branch accounts. In addition to the usual cycle of monthly LFB meetings, there is a New Members’ Meeting for those new to the Branch, on Thursday 31 January It’s from 6.30pm at the Camera Museum in Holborn. It’s a chance to meet other new members and also experienced freelances. For details, see www.londonfreelance.org/fl/1812newm.html.

Our speaker at the LFB meeting on Monday 11 February is world-famous photographer David Bailey. David recently dropped into our Xmas party to collect his NUJ Life Membership. He has taken some of the most famous photographic portraits of the last six decades.

AGM – ELECTIONS TO COMMITTEE

THE London Freelance Branch Annual General Meeting (AGM) on 14 January 2019 is the occasion for it to elect its Committee for the next year.

We encourage all full members of the Branch to consider standing for the Committee.

The following Committee posts are up for election in January’s AGM: Chair, Vice-chair, Secretary, Treasurer, Freelance Editor, Freelance deputy editor, Social Media Officer (these last three are renumerated posts), Membership Officer, New Members Officer, two Welfare Officers, ideally two Training Officers, Negotiations Officer, Equality Officers and up to five Members at Large (also known as “Members without Portfolio”).

For more on the Committee posts up for election, and what they entail by way of commitment, as well as how often, where and when LFB’s Committee holds its meetings, see www.londonfreelance.org/lfb/jobs.html and www.londonfreelance.org/fl/1812ctte.html – both these also link to a list of current Committee contacts.

The Committee’s Members without Portfolio (also known as Members at Large) take on tasks as they arise, which also present opportunities for new members of the Committee to gain experience before perhaps moving on to other posts.

If you are considering putting yourself forward, contact the Branch Secretaries via the link above, or come to the AGM in person.

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