

The Liaison Council Report

Spring 2017 Newsletter

by Robert James

Vacancies on the BA Former Staff Liaison Council

If you wish to serve as a member of the FSLC, which meets quarterly to discuss all matters affecting Former Staff, the selection process is now open.

For more information and the application pack, please e-mail us at ***liaison.1.council@ba.com***.

Use the same address at any time of the year for information, with a query, to add your e-name to our distribution list for the newsletter in addition to declaring an interest in joining the Liaison Council in the near future.

Candidates should have a strong desire to help BA retirees and pensioners but can be Former Staff of any age.

Current Staff who are under 'notice of leaving' may apply as well.

Your application must be proposed and seconded by two other retired British Airways employees or Former Staff and all three of you must sign the completed application form.

The closing date for applications by e-mail is 22 May 2017 with a further week allowed for completed and fully signed paper forms to reach us, by post, at the address supplied with the form.

Interviews will take place in late June 2017. Successful applicants are appointed for 3 year terms.

More information about the Council and our Newsletters can be found on the Touchdown website.

Former Staff Healthcare

Two years ago BA changed its healthcare provider from BUPA to AXA.

BA and BA Clubs have been promoting AXA for more than a year now to all current staff and former staff including those attending the Pre-retirement courses.

As part of that promotion, BA Clubs have asked us to send out their letter which is attached at the end of this report.

Many of you are in the so called 'group scheme' for former staff because you transferred immediately, on retirement, from employment cover.

If you are one of those people in the 'group scheme' you should pay particular attention to the messages in both the highlighted paragraph and the ones above and below it.

BUPA renewal is due on the 1st May 2017. You may wish to continue with BUPA alternatively you may choose to switch to AXA PPP healthcare.

As well as the specific websites shown in the letter you can also go to www.baclubshealthcare.co.uk

The Council met with AXA in February but information for this year from both AXA and BA Clubs has only become available in the last few weeks.

BA Clubs

If you're a regular user of BA Clubs, either on site or online, you will be aware of the major changes taking place there now.

If you're an occasional user and/or just interested in 'what's going on' may I suggest you look at the BA Clubs website which has a weekly update on what's happening and the new arrangements as they're negotiated and/or made.

Part of the BA Clubs 'office' has already moved to its new site at Regis, 450 Bath Road, Longford.

Changes at BA

The Council is meeting with Senior BA Management in a two weeks time to be briefed on the organisational changes that have been made and are still taking place in the People (HR) Department and what that may mean for Former Staff.

We hope to be able to say more in a Summer report/Newsletter.

Staff Travel

- if, when you log-in to `my.bapl.com`, you get a red boxed message saying `Forbidden` - just click on "ESS Home" and you should get through to the screen page you want. The system sometimes asks you to log-in again.
- Staff Travel tell us that there is no business case for the merger of the BA and IB staff travel sites. They will continue to operate independently.
- there's a lot of recent information about Staff Travel on the site. Click on the top line which says - "Staff Travel latest updates" to read. This is where you will find out about progress on the new Staff travel system and its associated apps.

BA Pensions

Fraser Smart, the new BA Pensions Schemes Secretary and CEO, BA Pensions, came to our last meeting of 2016 in December.

He briefed us on his vision and mission for BAPS and BAP.

He also talked us through the advantages of the new Corporate Trustee arrangement. There are no longer any individual Trustees.

We were able to ask a number of questions and have short discussions on each of the points raised.

Fraser will come back to see us this December.

There is much information available on the BA Pensions website.

Dear Healthcare Member

BA Clubs healthcare members: Exclusive Health Insurance Offer with AXA PPP healthcare

As you may recall, in 2016 we introduced you to AXA PPP healthcare as our new provider for BA Clubs Health Insurance.

We regularly review our supplier arrangements to ensure members get the best value deal available and as a result of this, I am delighted to announce that we will be renewing our relationship with AXA PPP healthcare for a second year.

What do I need to do?

If you still have a BUPA policy through BA Clubs, your normal renewal date is 1st May 2017. You may wish to continue with your BUPA policy. However you can alternatively get a quote from AXA PPP healthcare who, in association with BA Clubs, are bringing you an exclusive member offer.

Exclusive member offer from AXA PPP healthcare

Here, at AXA PPP healthcare, we've put together an exclusive deal for BA Clubs members who already have private health insurance with BUPA introduced by BA Clubs. When you switch to our Personal Health plan, you'll receive:

- Three months cover FREE ⁽¹⁾
- A FREE Lifestyle Health Assessment ⁽²⁾

Once you've chosen your cover details, we can arrange for your new plan to start on the date your current policy expires – so there will be no gaps in your cover.

If you already have a BA Clubs policy with BUPA, and you wish to get an alternative quote, simply call AXA PPP healthcare on 0800 313 4935. Alternatively, you can find out more by visiting axapphealthcare.co.uk/baclubs/switch. If you have recently claimed, AXA PPP healthcare will cover you with no change to your previous medical underwriting, subject to the terms and conditions of the new plan you choose.

Thank you for your continued support of BA Clubs.

Yours sincerely



Carole Farr
CEO, BA Clubs

PS. If you don't currently have health insurance you can still benefit from a special offer. Just give AXA PPP healthcare a call on 0800 313 4935 to get a quote or visit axapphealthcare.co.uk/baclubs/health.

Lines are open from 9am weekdays. AXA PPP healthcare may record and/or monitor calls for quality assurance, training and as a record of the conversation.

(1) The three months cover free offer is for new customers only. If paying annually, you will only be charged for 9 months of cover. If you pay monthly, the last three months of cover will be free. This offer cannot be used in conjunction with any other offer, apart from our 5% discount for paying annually. Offer may be withdrawn at any time.

(2) Offer available to new AXA PPP healthcare members only, joining between 1st March 2017 and 1st June 2017. The offer is one free Lifestyle Health Assessment for one person covered by the plan. To be taken at a Hufield Health facility offering a Lifestyle Health Assessment.

See <http://www.myaxahealthplus.com/lifestyle-assessment> here for full details. This offer is non-transferable and cannot be substituted for a cash alternative. We will request a valid email address from you to receive your health assessment. Your free health assessment does not affect any of your standard terms and conditions that apply as part of your membership and will not affect your subscriptions or any no-claims discount you may have. Should you require subsequent tests or treatment as a result of your health assessment, cover will be subject to the usual eligibility criteria of your plan. Cancellation policy applies to health assessments booked but not taken up – full details provided upon booking. We'll send you details of how to book your free health assessment within 20 days of receiving your second month's subscription payment. Offer may be withdrawn at any time or substituted for an equivalent health assessment offer.

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