
COLLECTIVE BARGAINING 2010-06

As of June 29, 2010

The Local met with the Company in Ottawa during the week of June 21 for the third set of meetings to discuss and possibly conclude collective bargaining for this round of negotiations.

While some very minor changes were tentatively agreed to prior to the Contract Committee vetting them, discussions around some large monetary issues took place. Unfortunately, no agreement on any of these issues, including the sick leave buyout, occurred.

In the end, an impasse was declared. Dates are now being explored to conclude this round of bargaining with a third-party in Arbitration. With the strong mandate given to us by the membership, this process shall be concluded.

There may be one more meeting between the Local and the Company to focus on what issues the parties wish to take to Arbitration. As an arbitrator will not rule on every one of our demands, it is prudent to examine which issues are of greater importance to the membership. The Contract Committee will meet prior to this last meeting with the Company, should this additional meeting be required, to discuss what priority to place on the specific demands.

Members are strongly encouraged to contact their representatives directly for the latest information and to ascertain the latest in bargaining.

The third set of regional conference calls should also take place by the end of this week to ensure station stewards and thus the general membership are informed above and beyond postings at work and the website.

In conclusion, it is key that each and every members know exactly what is going on during bargaining. To that end and as mentioned above, we have our web-based resource and your local stewards. In addition there are also the Contract Committee members and the Bargaining Team members, all elected by the general membership, who are all eager to share what is happening. We encourage each and every member to be as active as possible in this process. Contact your committee member, local steward or regional VP for a direct update.

The Bargaining Committee, Air Traffic Specialists Local 2245 CAW-Canada

