

Negotiations continue with GTAA

On May 9 and 14, 2013 the GTAA Bargaining Committee met with the Employer to continue negotiations. This included one break-out session of a union sub-committee. The sub-committee – a smaller group of union and management representatives – is working on developing language in a particular area so that they can bring back to the main bargaining table for full discussion.

During this round of talks, the following took place:

- Some articles from both proposals were agreed to in principle
- Both the union and company continued to clarify and refine their proposals which led (in some instances) to counter proposals
- There were exchanges of additional information including the presentation of situational examples
- Both sides have “take-aways” (i.e. proposals) for redraft of some articles from their original content
- Draft rules of engagement for future sub-committees were exchanged
- Both parties continued to refine the timelines for the exchange of monetary proposals

The GTAA Bargaining Committee is scheduled to meet amongst ourselves again on the morning of May 21, 2013 to regroup and review our proposals. Both parties – the bargaining committee and company – will reconvene later in the day to hear a progress report of the last sub-committee and continue negotiations through to May 23, 2013.

Negotiations and meetings with the Employer will now go into longer sessions as the parties have presented a good portion of their proposals.

In Solidarity,

Your GTAA Bargaining Committee,

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Lana Delic-Bridger – Bargaining Representative
Tim Haxhiaj – Bargaining Representative
Antonios Kourteridis – Bargaining Representative
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