

Goal of committee is to get best deal possible for our members

On Wednesday the arbitration to retain scope work for Air Canada customer service agents continued as the union and company presented testimony before arbitrator Brian Keller.

Legal counsel for Unifor Lewis Gotheil, who has unparalleled expertise in this matter, researched and delivered a strong, compelling case and closing arguments are now underway.

It can take weeks and sometimes months for a judgement to be delivered. However because of the impact this issue has on current negotiations, the union and the company have agreed to accept a verbal response. A full written decision will follow.

The bargaining committee remains on target as they strategize for success in this round of negotiations.

“We hear our membership loud and clear,” says bargaining committee chairperson Frances Galambosy. “They want progress and we are focused on getting the best deal and collective agreement possible.”

Strike votes will begin tomorrow, May 30 and conclude June 5. We expect to receive a very strong mandate from our members who have demonstrated throughout these negotiations that they are informed, engaged and ready to go the distance to make progress.

Recent announcements in the media that Air Canada is opting out of federal funding regulations have caused some concerns with our membership. The company stated in its press release that they will use this opportunity gained from new funding rules to “*create substantial value to shareholders and employees.*”

Your committee will expect this to translate into good news when we return to the bargaining table to make positive gains for our members.

Local 2002 is committed to keeping our members informed and will continue to provide updates.



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