



# Bloodletters

A Bargaining Bulletin for OPSEU Members at Canadian Blood Services

## Province-wide support bargaining team meets in Toronto for training

Canadian Blood Services province-wide support bargaining team met Nov 25 for team training in Toronto.

Members of the elected bargaining team met with OPSEU Negotiators Tracy More and Lester Yearwood for an introduction to bargaining and a discussion on demands for renewal of the collective agreement.

Both negotiators come prepared with years of experience, including years of knowledge and insight with CBS.

### Team to Caucus February 4-6

The bargaining team will caucus on Feb. 4-5, 2009 with a heavy agenda to finalize proposals before their exchange with the employer.

OPSEU has proposed dates for bargaining throughout February and March and are awaiting response from the employer. We're ready to go!

Continue to watch for updates through "Bloodletters" — your information source straight from the bargaining team. If it isn't in the newsletter, it isn't happening at the table!

Wishing you all a festive and safe holiday season!

In solidarity,

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