



Bloodletters

A Bargaining Bulletin for OPSEU Members at Canadian Blood Services

Lab tech bargaining has begun

Collective Bargaining for Locals 5101 and 210 (Lab Technologists) has begun!

This round of negotiations will bring some new and old faces to the table. We have two veterans from past negotiations: Steve O'Marra, Chair, and Shirley Johnny, as well as a new face, Angel Thompson, from the Toronto Centre. Staff Representative, Bernard King, will lead our team through this round of negotiations.

The bargaining team met on June 18 and 19 for preliminary discussions. We reviewed the progress we made in our last contract and combined with your demand-set results, identified areas to bring forward in our upcoming negotiations with CBS:

- Improved job security
- Parity with hospital workers
- Premium enhancements
- Benefit improvements

We will require member support during the bargaining process and are confident members will overwhelmingly get behind our team. We are canvassing for meeting dates with the employer and are ready to get down to business. If you have any questions or concerns about bargaining, please speak to one of the bargaining team members. Or you can call Bernard King at OPSEU (416-928-2482).

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