



# Bloodletters

A Bargaining Bulletin for OPSEU Members at Canadian Blood Services

**Local 5101 / 210**

## OPSEU asks for proof employer demands based on long-term problems

TORONTO — Distracted and insistent they are trying to address long term problems, Canadian Blood Services met with your elected bargaining team Feb. 19-21 to discuss non-economic issues.

For three days the employer insisted many of their proposals reflect long-term problems. OPSEU has asked for documented proof to back up CBS' claims.

Bargaining this round is slow: the employer appears distracted by other negotiations, such as pay equity. The team hopes to have their attention when bargaining resumes in April.

Although making little headway, the parties have

been able to set dates between now and the end of May.

We'll be negotiating:

- April 8, 9, 10 in Toronto
- May 27, 28, 29 in Toronto

As always, we'll keep you informed as developments happen. Two general membership meetings are scheduled next week:

- **Wednesday, March 5** at 12 noon in the 3rd Floor Library at 67 College Street in Toronto
- **Thursday, March 6** at 12 noon in the "Boardroom" at 7 West Street in Hamilton

The Employer is playing hardball and we need to stand together. We'll have buttons and stickers for you to wear during bargaining - wear them

with pride and, if asked, tell people you want a fair deal that recognizes your unique contribution to the work that Canadian Blood Services does.

Please try to attend the meetings on March 5 or 6, continue to be engaged in the bargaining process.

In solidarity,  
Steve O'Marra, Bargaining Team Chair  
Shirley Johnny  
Angel Thompson  
Bernard King, Negotiator

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