

# Bloodletters

A Bargaining Bulletin for OPSEU Members at Canadian Blood Services, Local 5101/ 210

## OPSEU Local 5101/210 call meeting of members to discuss bargaining and strike vote

On July 28, 29 and 30, your OPSEU bargaining team met with CBS in Toronto to negotiate economic issues. The employer came with significant take-aways to fund their 24/7 operation; the union insisted that you, our members, should be compensated rather than penalized for such a significant scheduling change.

During our three days of bargaining, it became clear that the parties have drastically different expectations regarding a resolution of your key economic issues.

And so we, your bargaining team, are coming to you. We want you know what's going on, so we can discuss where we go from here. Do we take the employer's line that you can't have what you've asked for? Or do we go back to the employer to demand that they listen to your voice?

Your bargaining team believes it's time to run a strike vote to give strength to our position at the table. And we need to discuss this, too.

To facilitate these discussions, your bargaining team will be traveling to Hamilton and Toronto on Wednesday, Sept. 10 and Thursday, Sept. 11:

**Wednesday, Sept. 10 from 15:00 - 18:00 at the Red Cross building across from the Hamilton office**

**Thursday, Sept. 11 from 07:00 - 09:00 and 16:00 - 18:00 in the 2nd floor historic boardroom at 67 College**

For more information, please contact one of the bargaining team members.

And please come out and hear what's going on and vote to show our strength.



In solidarity,  
Steve O'Marra, bargaining team chair  
Shirley Johnny  
Angel Thompson  
Bernard King, staff negotiator  
Your L5101/210 Bargaining Team

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