



April 2008



TO THE POINT

A Newsletter for OPSEU members working in Sector 19: Canadian Blood Services and Diagnostics

New executive elected for Sector 19

A new OPSEU sector gets to work

Much work has been accomplished since our sector was created at the 2007 Broader Public Service (BPS) Conference.

The Executive Board approved the creation of the Canadian Blood Services and Diagnostics Division, Sector 19, that includes bargaining units whose members are employed in the provision of collecting, screening, laboratory or other diagnostic services and all other support services in agencies or organizations other than public hospitals.

At the BPS Conference in June 2007, at the founding divisional meeting, the members adopted their by-laws and elected their sector executive for the sector.

Your sector leadership has set the direction so we can begin to share our successes and the many challenges ahead of us. At our executive meeting we have established our terms of reference, dues structure for the sector and what our working roles will be.

We have met to exchange health and safety developments, to present and co-ordinate issues across the division and to co-ordinate all the locals. Labour-management meeting materials will be reported to the Executive Committee. We are monitoring grievances across the province and promoting discussion on common themes.

The CBS bargaining units met in December for a CBS pre-bargaining meeting. We discussed the 2008 bargaining survey results and reviewed our external and internal environment for bargaining.

Your Sector Executive

Sean Allen - Chair
Brenda Thompson - Vice Chair
Katherine Zan - Secretary
Shirley Johnny - Treasurer
Beverly Ross - Labour Management
Marianne McIlroy - Health and Safety
Staff - Ruth Hamilton - Sector Negotiator

Local demand setting was done by all support CBS locals in January 2008. Collective Bargaining for Locals 5101 and 210 laboratory technologists began in 2007. CBS pay equity is in its final stages.

Cybermedix is also negotiating with their employer for a new contract and has been cleaning up some outstanding pay equity issues.

The executive has co-ordinated its next meeting to be held at Convention and will meet once again in June.

We have solidified the division's role within the union and we understand and will respond to the many key issues faced by our membership.

In Solidarity

Brenda Thompson, President Local 210
Vice Chair, OPSEU Sector 19

Authorized by Warren (Smokey) Thomas, OPSEU President