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News for OPSEU members at MPAC
from your leadership team
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What's this round of bargaining about? You're telling us.

With reports in from just about every OPSEU local with members at MPAC, your OPSEU bargaining team is working hard to complete the demand-setting book for the upcoming round of negotiations. The demand-setting book will form the basis of discussions at our final demand-setting meeting, set for Saturday, Nov. 26 in Toronto.

Demand-setting is how members set the agenda for bargaining. We need your help with a related issue. And this one has a prize attached to it.

It's a button contest...

We need a theme for this round of bargaining. We're asking OPSEU members at MPAC to design a button that we'll all be proud to wear in the workplace to let our employer know that we are united in our desire for a better contract.

Most of us remember the fish design on the blue oval buttons from the last round. This time we want something even better. Your design can be a slogan, a drawing, or just a general idea. If you can't draw, we'll get an artist to draw your idea – if you win.

Why enter the contest? Well, obviously, you want to inspire your co-workers and help bend MPAC negotiators to the will of your

OPSEU bargaining team. Just as importantly, you want the prize we're offering.

Many of us have dreamed of sitting down to

dinner with the object of our admiration, be it Wayne Gretzky, Nicole Kidman, Albert Einstein, or Mother Theresa. We all know these are just dreams. But if you happen to win fifth prize in the MPAC United



Welcome Rob Field

As we head towards bargaining, your bargaining team is pleased to welcome Rob Field as our OPSEU negotiator. Rob, who has more years of experience at the bargaining table than he cares to mention, has the full confidence of the team and is already working with us.

The team would like to thank Senior Negotiator Brian Gould for his services over the last several years. Brian, who has been assigned to another project, guided our union-management committee/bargaining team with unparalleled tenacity, skill and humour. He will be missed – but our aim's getting better.

Thanks are due also to three members of the previous UMC/bargaining team – Tina Faibish, Jennifer Reid, and Peter Thompson – and to past sector executive members Craig Wright and Louise St. Jean. Thank you for your work and dedication!

Way raffle, your dream can come true.

If, that is, your dream is to have dinner with MPAC Chief Administrative Officer Carl Isenberg.

Your bargaining team was touched – wowed, even – when we heard of Carl's open-hearted generosity, so we've decided to follow his example. If your button design wins, you'll win dinner for yourself and one of your friends with the bargaining team.

E-mail your slogans, drawings, or ideas to team chair Ivan Herrington at iherrington@sympatico.ca.

If you have questions about any aspect of bargaining, send a message to Ivan. A team member will get back to you as soon as possible.

In solidarity,

Ivan Herrington, Gerald Devlin, David Lynch,
Bill Robertson, and Jamie Stata

Your elected bargaining team