



# Bargaining 2010

## NEGOTIATIONS NEWSLETTER #1

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As your newly elected negotiating committee, we have been meeting in order to ready ourselves for the upcoming round of bargaining. There will be newsletters, drop-ins and other important meetings concerning negotiations in the near future. We hope that you will be there to inform us, support us and help to make the right decisions to protect and improve our working conditions. If you or your department would like to meet with us, please contact a member of the committee or call the union office.

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As you will remember, our Collective agreement expires on March 31, 2010. Your input is very important to us especially as we start the information gathering process in order to put together our package of demands.

This involves:

- surveying members regarding issues of concern
- meetings with individuals, groups, and departments
- meetings with other locals to strategize and organize bargaining issues
- reviewing collective agreement issues, grievances, and ongoing union issues
- reviewing outstanding issues from the last round

### Important Dates to Remember:

- Week of September 28<sup>th</sup> - Bargaining Survey will be distributed to members
- October 7<sup>th</sup> - Bargaining Drop-ins  
11:30 – 1:00, Downtown - Room 180C (off Cambie Street entrance)  
Broadway Union Office, Room 2654  
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- October 14<sup>th</sup> - Bargaining Survey returned
- October 29<sup>th</sup> - Bargaining Information Meetings  
Downtown 11:30 – 1:00, Room TBA  
Broadway Union Office 2:30 – 4:00

### Common Table Issues:

We are in the process of meeting with other FPSE locals to discuss and debate how best to proceed with bargaining common issues. These discussions are still in progress and we will bring the results with our recommendation back to the membership for discussion and direction.

*VCCFA Negotiating Committee*