



Local 1 Canada



PRESIDENT'S EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING SUMMARY: 22 July 2009

New Board Members

New members have joined SEIU Local 1 Canada's Executive Board filling 3 vacancies that have opened up, including a seat vacated by the retirement of Deborah Menzies of Thunder Bay (Happy Retirement, Deb!). The 3 new E-Board members are Louise Leeworthy of Red Cross-Sudbury, Linda Ball of Southlake Regional Health Centre and Sean Doucette of Brant Community Healthcare System.

Red Cross Contract Ratified

The agreement negotiated with the Canadian Red Cross was ratified by home care workers ending a month-long rotating strike. Thousands of SEIU home care members employed by Red Cross from Windsor to North Bay used to have to cover their own expenses when travelling from client-to-client. The Bargaining Committee had decided that travel had to be addressed in the new contract.

Ongoing Agenda Items

- Extending MRC
- Nursing Home Bargaining

NEXT MEETING: Sep. 2009

SEIU Provincial Hospital Bargaining starts Aug. 10

Aug. 10 is the start date for SEIU Provincial Hospital Bargaining. The Local's Hospital Workers Council (HWC) has settled upon ambitious bargaining goals for the 2009 round of contract bargaining.



Member Resource Centre representative (and NYGH member) Roseann Clark assisting members

Member Resource Centre opening to all hospitals

SEIU has added all hospital bargaining units onto the new Member Resource Centre phone-in help centre. Staffed by specially-trained SEIU members, the Member Resource Centre is helping members with questions relating to grievances, union events, vacation entitlement, wage adjustments, and so on. With every enquiry a 'ticket' number is assigned so members can track their enquiry all the way to a resolution.

At the core of the bargaining priorities is to negotiate, along with the Ontario Hospital Association, a more standardized province-wide central contract. Once that is agreed to, then local hospital bargaining can take place to resolve local issues. The goal is a central contract that can be made available to members more quickly.

Achieving this will be a big step forward for hospital bargaining, as well as saving time, resources and money for all involved.

Included in the Bargaining Committee's list of priorities are job security and limiting hospitals from laying off workers or contracting out union jobs, staff scheduling, job postings, pay equity maintenance, RPN issues, and the list goes on.

BOARD WARNING: Don't be fooled.

The Executive Board also learned that organizations posing as unions have been attempting to 'raid' SEIU workplaces, causing disruption, confusion and frustration to members.

The Executive Board cautions SEIU members not to be misled by these so-called union organizers and report any intrusions into your workplace by calling the Member Resource Centre at 1-877-MRC-SEIU (1-877-672-7348).

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Executive Board Members



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