



Bargaining Bulletin

HOSPITAL EMPLOYEES' UNION

THE HEART OF HEALTH CARE

Aramark members in the VCHA prepare to bargain a first collective agreement

THE HOSPITAL Employees' Union and Aramark have scheduled a series of dates in April for negotiations for a first collective agreement covering nearly 700 HEU members providing housekeeping services in Vancouver Coastal Health Authority facilities.

Bargaining dates are: April 5-7, 13 and 14, 21 and 22, and 27 and 28.

In preparation for bargaining the HEU Aramark bargaining committee's first meeting was held on March 9 in the union's Provincial Office.

That meeting followed the Aramark members' bargaining conference held on Feb.26 where more than 50 workers shared workplace experiences, identified bargaining issues and elected their bargaining committee.

The following sisters and brothers will represent VCHA Aramark members as their bargaining committee:

- Samira Rusman (Richmond Hospital)
- Avelina Vasquez (St. Paul's Hospital)

- Stephen Lemarec (Lion's Gate Hospital)
- Richard Shaw (Powell River General Hospital).

In January, employees working for Aramark – a US-based corporation contracted by the health authority to provide cleaning services – voted 84 per cent in favour of joining HEU.

The newly-certified members work at more than 20 health care facilities on the Sunshine Coast and in the Lower Mainland, including major hospitals like St. Paul's, Vancouver General, Powell River General, Lion's Gate and Richmond.

HEU Aramark members can keep in touch with bargaining developments by going to our web site at www.heu.org or calling the union's bargaining hotline at 604-739-1515 in the Lower Mainland or toll free at 1-800-663-5318 extension 1515.

For more information contact Noel Gulbransen regarding Aramark bargaining or Nina Dhillon regarding Aramark local servicing questions. Both are in the HEU Provincial Office and can be reached by calling 604-438-5000 or toll free at 1-800-663-5813.

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