

## Slow, steady progress made in Aramark negotiations



Aramark employer representatives and the HEU bargaining committee met for two days of bargaining on February 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>, 2013. Progress continues to be made although it has been slow.

Bargaining committee member Jaime Abad Richmond says “the goals that we union members are fighting for are becoming brighter and closer, especially in these last two days of bargaining”. Fellow committee member Nelly Venezuela adds, “the union’s bargaining committee is making progress and really moving forward with its proposals for a renewed collective agreement”.

HEU’s bargaining committee believes that the progress made on OH&S language and protection has been largely due to the committee’s use of *insufficient supplies forms* which continually inform the employer of supply shortages. The union bargaining committee is also aware that workload continues to be an issue which must be documented, so HEU has developed a *workload tool* for members to use. Members are requested to contact bargaining committee members for insufficient supplies forms and the workload tool.

HEU’s bargaining committee continues to need member support to obtain its proposed goals and the committee urges members to be strong in upcoming discussions. As bargaining committee member Morena Perez urges, “strong determination is a strong weapon at the bargaining table!”

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### BARGAINING TO RESUME IN MARCH

The HEU bargaining committee has scheduled additional dates with Aramark management on March 26th, 27th and 28th.

Bargaining will be held at HEU’s provincial office in Burnaby.

Progress was made on OH&S language and protection at the last session and work will continue on these areas.

The union bargaining committee has presented a monetary package proposal which is now under consideration by the employer.

The HEU bargaining team is committed to building on the success of the last session and to winning a fair collective agreement for all Aramark members.

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