

Aramark agrees to key demands, wages and benefits still outstanding

From June 5-7, HEU's bargaining committee representing Aramark members went back to the table to negotiate a new contract.

Over the three days of negotiations, your committee was able to make progress on many key demands for improved



benefits, safer workplaces and a more respectful employment environment. The only demands that still remain to be resolved are wages and benefits.

There was agreement on increasing the number of uniforms, providing lockers, instituting overtime pay on time for breaks that need to be rescheduled, and boosting the travel allowance.

There will also be extra training regarding infection and harmful materials, and new work alone and ergonomic provisions. New language promoting a respectful worksite that formally prohibits verbal, visual or physical harassment was also negotiated.

Aramark finally tabled a monetary package in response to HEU's January proposal. However, their offer fails to satisfy wages and benefit demands as identified by HEU members at our June 2012 Big Five bargaining conference.

The previous collective agreements expired at the end of September 2012. The terms of those agreements remain in effect for Aramark's 1,200-plus workers until new collective agreements are negotiated and ratified by the membership.

Bargaining with Aramark is set to resume July 16-18.

BARGAINING REPORTS BEGIN JUNE 17

The HEU bargaining committee will be meeting with members starting on June 17 to provide a progress report on bargaining.

Meetings will be held at sites across the Lower Mainland. For meeting time, date and location details, please visit www.heu.org/reports.

MAY 28 RALLY BRINGS OUT HUNDREDS



On May 28, over 300 Aramark, Sodexo and other contracted support services members of HEU rallied in Vancouver for a fair deal.

HEU members from Vancouver General Hospital and allies from several other unions also joined in to show their support.

For more images from the rally, visit www.heu.org/rallies.