



NEGOTIATIONS NEWSLETTER #6

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To: VCCFA Members
From: VCCFA Negotiating Committee
Re: BARGAINING UPDATE

Common table bargaining set to begin

We are pleased to report that we have a protocol agreement that allows us to begin common table bargaining. On one side of the common, or provincial, table are fourteen CIEA locals, including the VCCFA, and seven BCGEU locals. The employer side of the table, represented by the PSEA (Post Secondary Employers' Association), has nine college employers, including VCC. Other unions and colleges may join at a later date. Both compensation issues, including salary and benefits, and non-compensation issues, such as job security and regularization, will be bargained at the common table. There will be an initial exchange of proposals in the second week of June. There will be a break over the summer, and bargaining will restart at the end of September. The VCCFA also has local issues. We expect these will be bargained in the fall.

The CIEA-BCGEU Bargaining Council wants to coordinate not only bargaining but also communication with our members. We think it's important that members in all the participating unions get the same message. On the other side you will find the first of the Council's bulletins. In the future, you will be kept informed about the progress of negotiations through these bulletins. Of course, we will give you additional information at VCCFA meetings. You can also get in touch with any of the committee members. Our phone numbers and email addresses are listed below.

As always, thanks for your support.

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