

McKesson Bargaining Update

Government appointed Mediation Scheduled in response to 93% rejection

The Employer offer was voted down by 93% on April 10, 2010 by the vast majority of the membership.

The message was sent to your Employer loud and clear – treat us fairly and equally.

As a result of that vote, your Union and your Employer are headed back into negotiations, this time with the help of a Mediator who was appointed by the Government in an effort to try and reach a settlement between the parties.

Mediation is scheduled to take place on May 27 and 28, 2010.

Will the Employer listen to the message that its employees have sent?

Your Bargaining Committee is not optimistic that we will be able to achieve a settlement which we can then recommend to you unless the Employer changes its attitude at the bargaining table.

As I explained to you all at the meeting on April 10, 2010, we had hoped to bring back a recommended offer from your Employer that contained significant improvements to your Collective Agreement, not concessions. Unfortunately for us, your Employer has other plans. They have decided to hold fast to their concessionary bargaining strategy and as a result, we are headed towards uncertainty.

Your bargaining committee will do everything in our power to achieve an offer which we can recommend to you. Failing our ability to do that, we will be coming to you again, this time for your vote on which direction this process should take.

Watch for updates and information regarding progress at Mediation and possible Votes, both on our website which is www.ufcw401.ca or on the Union's bulletin board.

If you have any questions regarding bargaining, contact your Union Rep, Don Crisall.

Respectfully,

Lee Clarke