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Bargaining Update

The opening round of bargaining between CAW 1016 and Nav Canada was held in Ottawa from June 15-18, 2009. Bargaining Team members in attendance were Local 1016 president Shawn Wood , Guylaine Marshall (YVR), Ray Selby (YEG), Jim Walker (YWG), Christine Lizotte (YYZ), Michel Boucher (NCTCC), David Ready (YOW), Pascal Levesque (YUL), Jason Constable (YQM), and Sam Toytman (YQX), assisted by CAW National Rep Joel Fournier.

The teams exchanged proposals on Monday, June 15, thus beginning negotiations aimed at renewing the collective agreement. The Union's proposals reflect the main priorities facing GTs at this time: employment security; work ownership; sick leave payouts; and enhanced working and living conditions. (For a complete list of the Union proposals please visit www.caw1016.ca)

Management gave detailed presentations on the future of ATOS and TSS and presentations on FDAAS, AIS, and pensions are expected to follow. Several issues have been signed off, and we appear to be close on some of the more complex issues. Discussions were open and constructive, and both teams are optimistic that an agreement can soon be reached. Dates have not been set but the parties will be meeting again in the near future to further the progress already achieved.