



Your Bargaining Committee
National Rep –Gord Hunter
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BARGAINING UPDATE

Local Convention Reviews Proposals

Local 605 held it's annual Convention at the Sandman Inn in Saskatoon, October 25, 26 and 27 . Delegates from Winnipeg to Vancouver met long hours to

- review Occupational Health and Safety Issues,
- review grievances,
- report to status of issues at their respective locations,
- update the local Constitution and
- prepare for the bargaining of the new collective agreement.

As well, the delegates gave tribute to outgoing Secretary Treasurer Mel Letkeman who is resigning his position both with the Local and with Kindersley Transport. Mel has accepted a

position as Youth pastor in his church.

As well, CEP National Repre-



sentative, Jerry Woods who works out of Winnipeg and will be retiring at the end of this year was recognized for

his years of service to the local.

The majority of time however was spend reviewing the bargaining proposals which had been submitted by members across the country. The delegates spent many hours debating the substance, and merits of the scores of proposals received. This discussion helped to bring the Negotiating Committee up to speed as to why these issues need to be addressed at the bargaining table.

By the time the meeting drew to a close Sunday everyone had the opportunity to make their views well known and it was agreed that this meeting was one of the most productive ever. Congratulations to all the delegates. Clearly democracy is alive and well in Local 605.

Bargaining Committee Begins Negotiations

For the first time in the history of bargaining with Kindersley Transport the union and the company agreed to begin negotiations before the expiration of the collective agreement. Those meetings began with a preliminary discussion at the Saskatoon Inn Monday October

28th. During the union tabled our proposals. We met across the table for most of the day explaining the specifically the issues the union wants to address.

Local President Paul Richard has been working very hard to improve the communication with the company over

the past few months and members of the negotiating committee who have been to the table in previous rounds felt that the mood at bargaining was much better than it has been in other years.

We will meet in negotiations again November 25 & 26 and December 18 & 19.