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publication by
e-mail?**

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**resourcecentre@
mgeu.ca.**Remember to include your
full name
and member ID number.**Committee Remains Dedicated to Member Priorities**

Since your last bulletin, your TPP bargaining committee went out to the membership and got a strike mandate in three of the five MGEU regions.

A strike mandate means that if future contract negotiations continue to stall, the bargaining committee can choose to set a strike date.

Due to ongoing negotiations and time restraints, the committee chose to focus on the North Eastman, Interlake and Central regions for attaining strike mandates. However, the Assiniboine and Parkland regions can still hold votes to get strike mandates in those areas.

Each of the Regional Health Authorities is distinct in that they choose as individual groups whether to accept or reject an agreement. In the case of the Assiniboine and Parkland regions, they have the opportunity to take several actions: they could go back to the bargaining table, apply for arbitration, or seek a strike mandate.

If the other three regions don't ratify the agreement, they would have the same choices, however they wouldn't need to seek a strike mandate, as they have already received one.

As you read this update, the bargaining committee is continuing with the bargaining process and meetings with the employer have been booked for May 3rd and 4th.

The committee remains committed to the priorities set out by the membership at the beginning of the bargaining process, which includes market and special wage adjustments, standardization for paramedics, as well as a fair wage increase for all.

**Diagnostic Services of
Manitoba**

Diagnostic Services of Manitoba (DSM) will vote as one block, separate from the five regions. This group will also have the opportunity to accept or reject their tentative offer, which means that DSM could also choose to either go back to the bargaining table, go to arbitration, or go out on strike.

**Essential Service
Agreements**

At this stage in negotiations, the bargaining committee continues to work on Essential Service Agreements (ESAs). Currently, there is an ESA for Community Programs and EMS, and one for DSM.

The bargaining committee continues to have discussions with the employers to get these agreements signed.

In the event that the membership rejects a tentative agreement and chooses to strike, these

ESAs would be put to use.

Moving Forward

The committee continues to work with our sister unions to ensure we maintain standardization. Standardization has been a hard fought battle and we intend to keep the employer on their toes, while helping to achieve parity for EMS workers.

The bargaining committee would also like to remind everyone that due to the complexity of bargaining issues within and among the units, standing together makes us stronger.

If you have questions about bargaining, anyone on the bargaining committee (listed on left) can be reached through the MGEU Resource Centre at (1-866) 982-6438, or by email at resourcecentre@mgeu.ca. Someone from the bargaining committee will call you back.

And be sure to watch your mailbox for upcoming Local meetings.

Stay Tuned.

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