

*your bargaining
committee*

- Al Sellars - Brandon
- Rae Kujanpaa - Dauphin
- Bernie Chartier - Thompson
- Jean Nemeth (sub) - Thompson
- Jarrett Yaworski - Selkirk
- Dave Grift - Winnipeg
- Karla Lanyon - MGEU Staff
- Shelley Neel - MGEU Staff



**Meet
Karla Lanyon:**

Karla has spent her career representing the interests of Manitobans working in the private and health care sectors, helping negotiate their collective agreements. For the past two years, she's worked to represent the day-to-day interests of several Civil Service Components.

Karla is pleased to assist your AFM Bargaining Committee in getting the best deal possible for all members.

Bargaining Committee Frustrated With Lack of Progress

Before we even began negotiations with the employer, your bargaining committee decided to make keeping AFM members as informed as possible during the bargaining process a top priority.

As part of that commitment, we've been aiming to update you through a variety of methods, whether it be meeting face-to-face, e-mail messages, or print updates like this. At this point (mid February 2011), we wanted to let you know where we're at with negotiations.



Your AFM Bargaining Committee (left -right)
 Back row: Jarrett Yaworski, Al Sellars, Rae Kujanpaa
 Front row: Jean Nemeth (sub), Dave Grift, Karla Lanyon
 Missing from photo: Bernie Chartier, Shelley Neel

Bargaining at a Standstill

Since we began negotiations with the aid of conciliator, Shannon Pilon, in December, our levels of frustration at the table have only risen. Currently, as we move on to monetary issues, we still have several non-monetary issues outstanding. While we're using all means possible to proceed with meaningful bargaining, it's becoming increasingly apparent to us that the employer is not fully engaged in the process.

Right now, we have bargaining dates set with the employer and conciliator for Tuesday, March 1 and Wednesday, March 2, 2011. As soon as we've completed these two meetings, we will very likely begin scheduling information meetings for the membership. If we continue

to make little progress at the table, it will be important to begin discussing next steps with all AFM members.

In the meantime, if you have any questions, feel free to contact any member of the bargaining committee (see list in left margin).

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