



## **Local 5454 – Section Locale 5454**

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### **Contract Committee Meets in Ottawa**

The newly-elected Contract Committee of CATCA CAW Local 5454 met November 3-5, 2008 in Ottawa to prepare the groundwork for collective bargaining.

In attendance were President - Greg Myles; Executive Vice-President - Doug Best; Regional Vice-Presidents, Rob Allan, Pierre Gaumont, Dennis Dick, and Scott Shields; elected members Mark Bernard, Jerry Brodt, Peter Duffey, David Hartwick, Gord Howe, Yves Langlois, Sophie Noel, Gary Roach, and Éric Vézina; Peter Kennedy (Assistant to CAW National Secretary-Treasurer Jim O'Neil, and chief negotiator) and CAW National Staff Representative Abe Rosner.

The meetings began by welcoming special guest Jim Stanford, Chief Economist for the CAW, who led a day-long presentations and discussion on the current world economic crisis, the disconnect between the "paper economy" and the real economy, the impact on Canada, the prospects for the aviation industry, and finally the financial and business situation of NAV Canada.

The committee then had detailed discussions on the bargaining process, possible outcomes, the legal ramifications, and communication protocols, in order to fulfill the Contract Committee's mandate:

- To faithfully reflect and bring forward the views and concerns of the members in each area and facility, as well as of the membership as a whole;
- To provide necessary guidance and resources to the negotiators at every stage;
- To regularly communicate with and update the members; and
- To deliver the best possible tentative agreement for the members' approval.

Finally, the bulk of the sessions were dedicated to a detailed review of the dozens of contract proposals received from Branches across the country, filtering, combining, and clarifying the issues brought forward by the membership. This work will culminate in a final document to be served to NAV Canada on December 2, 2008.

The next meetings of the Contract Committee are scheduled for Edmonton on December 1-4, 2008. The Contract Committee would like to thank all local branches and members who took an interest and worked hard in formulating proposals for improving our collective agreement.

In solidarity,

Greg Myles  
President

Doug Best  
Executive Vice President