



**April 1, 2010**

In the last Bargaining Bulletin distributed to Government Licensed Professionals, your Bargaining Committee reported on the tentative settlement reached with government negotiators at the end of February. At that time, we advised members that we would not be able to proceed immediately to a ratification vote because of benefits in our Master Agreement that are “linked” to benefits that are negotiated by the BCGEU on behalf of the majority of unionized employees in the public service.

In order to meet the net zero mandate, the PEA and the Province had agreed to a “rebalancing” of our agreement resulting from any changes to linked items arising from BCGEU collective bargaining. Now that the BCGEU and the Province have reached a tentative agreement, information is available on changes to linked benefits including extended health care and Long Term Disability.

Rebalancing discussions for our agreement are currently underway between the PEA and Public Service Agency and are expected to stretch into the week of April 5. Once complete, we will provide details so that members have full and complete information before voting on the tentative agreement. Ratification ballots and a schedule of information meetings will be distributed shortly.

While the terms of a new agreement are usually not implemented until after it has been ratified by both parties, the PEA sought and secured PSA’s commitment to apply the new Memorandum of Agreement #10 on Employment Security immediately. This means that the Employment Security provisions apply to employees in the bargaining unit who have regular status as of April 1, 2010.

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