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# LSL CHAPTER Bargaining Bulletin #1

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## Bargaining Committee Established

The LSL Chapter Executive has been working over the past few months to set the stage for negotiation of the second collective agreement between the Law Society and the PEA. This has included some discussions at the Union/Management Committee about bargaining related issues as well as the appointment of a Bargaining Committee. The Bargaining Committee comprises LSL Chapter Executive members Carmel Wiseman and Jack Olsen, and members-at-large Jonathan Corbett and John Nalleweg. Ernie Gorrie, Labour Relations Officer, will once again be the spokesperson for bargaining.

This Bargaining Committee includes both experience from the first round of bargaining and the fresh perspectives from new faces. It includes representation from a range of classifications and departments as well as representation from those who have been with the Law Society for many years and from lawyers who came to the Law Society in recent months. We are comfortable that the Committee has a good balance that will contribute to informed decision making.

The bargaining committee will seek comments from the membership in two ways: through an online bargaining survey that is available immediately, and through a meeting of the membership.

The link to the survey can be found on the Chapter News page of the Law Society Lawyers Chapter section of the PEA's online office at [http://www.pea.org/ls\\_news.html](http://www.pea.org/ls_news.html). As a security measure, members will be required to enter their PEA membership number. Members who do not have their membership number handy can obtain it by sending an email to [rbray@pea.org](mailto:rbray@pea.org) (Bargaining Committee members will not have access to identifying information regarding individual surveys).

Data will be collected until Sunday May 24. Shortly thereafter, the Bargaining Committee will meet to discuss the information in preparation for a membership meeting to be held at 5PM on Tuesday, June 9. More information about that meeting will be available before the meeting.

The PEA will soon be providing the Law Society with proposed dates for bargaining beginning in September 2009. We are hopeful that with goodwill from both Parties, collective bargaining will be both productive and expeditious.

Carmel Wiseman, Chapter Chairperson  
Ernie Gorrie, Labour Relations Officer