

GSU News



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Upcoming Events

- GSU National Council Retreat; Jan 16 & 17, 2012, Ottawa
- GSU / PWGSC NLMCC Seminar; Jan 19, 2012, Ottawa
- GSU National Council Special Meeting; Jan. 20, 2012, Ottawa
- PSAC Convention Committees, February 11 to 17, 2012, Ottawa

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From the President's desk

Welcome to the first GSU newsletter.

As promised at convention, this monthly page will help me share news with GSU Members. It will be especially useful to Local Presidents who need to keep up-to-date on issues affecting their members, as we move through Work Force Adjustment. Locals are the foundation of our Union and we all work to support them.

As 2011 comes to a close, I want to congratulate all who have held AGMs and elections. I look forward to working with all of you. 2012 is going to require our continued dedication and I

know that I can count on your support.

On behalf of GSU Staff, I wish you and your families the best of the holiday season and a great 2012.

EG Generic Job Descriptions

GSU members in the EG group have filed a number of grievances over the content of their generic Job Descriptions. Donna Lackie, GSU National President has asked Bruce Roy, President of Local 70707 in the NCR to be the national lead on these cases, with the support of GSU Staff Representatives. A hearing schedule will now be prepared we will work with PWGSC towards a solution.

TC Bargaining continues

The TC bargaining team meets in Ottawa Dec. 13-15, 2011 and Jan. 30 to Feb 3, 2012 on behalf of TC members. The Team; including GSU members **Dana Bailey** and **Jack Gale**; is working hard to protect the existing provisions of the collective agreement and achieve improvements.

Have YOUR say!

A brand new "Members' Plan" will be adopted at the PSAC Triennial Convention next May and you can have your say on what it says! The plan is designed to set the direction for the Union for the next three years and will be based on the Convention theme "Our Union, Our Power."

To date, three main priorities are emerging from this theme: Our Bargaining Power; Our Union Power; and Our Political Power. Have your say by completing the survey by January 6.

<http://psac.com/>

Workforce Adjustment

President Donna Lackie has assigned NVP Jack Gale to the Workforce Adjustment Portfolio. He will co-chair the National Workforce Adjustment Committee with PWGSC.

Across the country, the following RVPs have been assigned the regional WFA portfolio. Michelle Simard, Pacific; Martine Babcook, Western; David Cuning, Ontario; Nicole Rousseau, NCR; Mélanie Hamel, Québec; Lori Walton, Atlantic.

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