



OPSEU LOCAL 329
Mental Health Centre Penetanguishene
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TO: Members of OPSEU Local 329

Brothers and Sisters:

We held a General Membership Meeting on Monday September 19 2011 in order to complete our Demand Setting for bargaining as well as to approve the Local By-Laws that are required by OPSEU. The last set of by-laws for this local are dated March 1982 so you can see the importance of updating them.

Notices of this meeting and the reasons for having the meeting were distributed throughout the hospital as well as advertised on our website. A copy of the proposed by-laws was also available on our website.

I regret to announce that we were unable to approve the by-laws due to lack of quorum. I realize that there are many who do shift work. Out of 1030 members, we require 52 to meet the 5% rule under the constitution. It is disappointing to those members who did attend and the executive who worked hard on these by-laws, that we couldn't even get enough members out to do the business of this local, let alone discuss the demands for YOUR NEXT CONTRACT! The time for demand setting is past as that was the most important part of this latest meeting.

It would appear the majority of members of Local 329 are satisfied with working conditions, benefits and wages. No quorum was needed for demand setting therefore those members who attended the meeting have set priorities and given your bargaining team the support and direction for this round of bargaining and I applaud them.

We will have to hold another general membership meeting in order to pass these by-laws.

In Solidarity

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