



Acciona refuses to discuss union proposal for next contract

Today, after returning to the bargaining table to discuss your next contract following three months of delays by the employer, Acciona's negotiating team refused to discuss your HEU bargaining committee's proposals, promptly ending face-to-face discussions.

To recap, HEU members working for Acciona have been without a contract since December 2012. In April 2013, expert labour arbitrator Vince Ready decided on a process to finalize your next collective agreement that included improvements to wages, benefits and other contract terms.

Members' next contract, according to the process, should be based on other agreements ratified between September 2013 and February 2014 by HEU members who are employed by Aramark, Compass-Marquise and Sodexo.



"At today's meeting with Acciona, HEU tabled a very limited package of proposals, including retroactive wage payments going back to October 1, 2012," says HEU bargaining representative Bob Wilson.

"However, even though our proposals were limited, the employer flat out refused to

discuss them saying they were not directly outlined in Mr. Ready's ruling," says Wilson. "Acciona then walked away from the bargaining table – barely 30 minutes into our discussions."

HEU members working for Spanish-multinational Acciona at Royal Jubilee Hospital are one of the last major group of employees working in support services in our province that are without a new contract.

More than 4,400 HEU members work for four multinational corporations as support services employees on Vancouver Island and in the Lower Mainland.



JUNE 18 MEETING

HEU members working for Acciona are encouraged to attend the next local meeting on June 18 at 5:00 p.m. in the Patient Care Centre, Theatre Room #S169 at Royal Jubilee Hospital.

Members will be provided with a more detailed bargaining update, as well as suggestions on how to support the bargaining committee to successfully conclude negotiations.

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WHO'S BARGAINING?

HEU members working for Acciona at Royal Jubilee Hospital are represented at the bargaining table by Gloria Cowell, Mathew Gray, Aaron Hurlburt and Jenny Jacobsen. Bob Wilson, HEU bargaining representative, is the committee's spokesperson.