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## NUNAVUT EMPLOYEES UNION April 2008

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### Government of Nunavut's Collective Bargaining and Mediation Update

Nunavut Government employees voted overwhelmingly in favour of strike action in their continuing struggle to achieve a reasonable collective agreement. The vote was held between March 3 - 30, 2008 among the Government's 2000 employees. The GN workers voted 90% in favour of giving a strike mandate to their union

Mediation will take place May 1 to 4, 2008 in Iqaluit. These dates were the earliest that the mediator, Colin Taylor, was available.

If you have any questions please let us know and we will be happy to clarify it for you and/or answer it in the next newsletter.

### PSAC Strike Prep Course

Are you an NEU/GN member? Would you like to get involved? Are you concerned about the latest Negotiations?

Then here is your chance. Phase one strike training will be held in Iqaluit, Rankin Inlet, Pond Inlet and Cambridge Bay. **Deadline is April 11.**

For the application form or more info:

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Please note that the PSAC and NEU will hold a teleconference on April 8 at 12:00 noon with NEU Local Presidents to discuss the upcoming Strike Preparation courses.

A New Service Officer!!!! WELCOME...

... to Jack Anawak who started on April 7<sup>th</sup> as an NEU Service Officer in Iqaluit.

### NEU CONVENTION UPDATE

I am urging all NEU members to consider getting involved in the upcoming Convention. How can you participate?

Soon there will be **Convention delegate elections** taking place. You can run as a delegate or you if you prefer, you can offer to assist in running these community elections.

We will require one or two people in each community on paid union leave to see to advertising this event and to collect the votes from all NEU member. Everything will be supplied for this event... all you have to do is read the guidelines, grab the membership list and ballots to go out (or ask them to come to you) to get their votes! Contact the NEU office if you are interested or if you have any questions about this.

How about running for one of the Convention Delegate seats? To become a delegate you need to be a member in good standing.

Check out the NEU Bylaws to find information on the allowed number of delegates which are elected through each of the NEU Locals. The local listings and the Bylaws are found on the NEU website or contact us for further information.

There is no mystery in the affairs of a Convention and it is similar in some ways to AGMs. You would be pleased to note that we always start Convention with a training session and orientation to ensure that any questions are answered prior to the first day. More information can also be found from the NEU office.

At the end of Convention the new NEU Executive is elected. Only delegates to the Convention can vote for these elected officers who hold their seats for three years. That makes the Convention Delegate Election even more important! As a delegate you are elected from within your own community and region, and so too, if you are an elected official at Convention you can also be elected into an NEU Officer position for three years! The NEU Officer positions are also listed on the NEU website, or again please let us know if you need any clarification.

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