

C.B.E STAFF ASSOCIATION –UPDATE #13

**Membership Meeting Held
May 15, 2008**

Over 1000 members attended

A motion accepting the SA Board's recommendation was passed last night:

That we do not submit notice of strike action at this time.

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The CBE presented a framework for settlement to the negotiation team yesterday. While this offer was substantially better than the previous proposal, the membership stated clearly that this proposal *is not good enough*. Members spoke about the damage that has been done to the working relationship between Staff Association and CBE, and that this proposal did not go far enough in addressing outstanding issues in a timely manner.

The members supported the SA negotiation team's request to have more time to reach agreement with CBE. The message received by us last night was that if negotiations do not progress immediately, we will initiate strike action.

To quote Peter Finch in the movie **Network** illustrates the message we received from the membership last night:

"I'm as mad as hell, and I'm not gonna take this anymore."