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**To: Regional Vice-Presidents
Branches & Facilities**

Contract Committee Meets in Toronto

The Contract Committee of CATCA CAW Local 5454 met November 12-14th, 2012 in Toronto to prepare the groundwork for collective bargaining.

President Greg Myles and Executive Vice-President Doug Best were joined by Regional Vice-Presidents Gary Roach, Jonathan Daoust, Peter Duffey, James Krause and Scott Shields and elected members Mark Bernard (YVR ACC & Tower), James Russell (IFR Prairie), David Hartwick (VFR West), Gordon Howe (VFR East), Dave Doerksen (YYZ ACC & Tower), Sylvain Laforest (IFR Bilingual), Sophie Noel (Non-ops), Geneviève St-Pierre (VFR Bilingual), and Paul Turner (IFR Atlantic). CAW Director of Transportation Ron Smith completed our team.

We had a very successful three days of meetings. Over one hundred contract proposals from branches across the country were given a detailed assessment. Our efforts would not have been possible without the knowledge and expertise brought to the table by a committee made up of seasoned veterans and newcomers alike. All proposals were carefully scrutinized, discussed, and deliberated. After thorough review, consensus was reached. The results will be compiled into a document to be presented to NAV Canada on December 4th.

On Monday, the committee warmly welcomed Jim Stanford, chief economist for the CAW. He presented a precise and detailed overview of the economic situation. Specific focus was given to the health and prospects of the aviation industry and NAV Canada's business results. This was followed by an enthusiastic discussion period. Jim concluded by reminding the committee that the CAW's economic, research, and other resources will be fully available as needed in helping to achieve the best possible contract settlement.

The next meetings of the Contract Committee, and the formal commencement of bargaining with NAV Canada, are scheduled for Vancouver on December 2-4th, 2012. The Contract Committee would like to sincerely thank all local branches and members for all of their hard work. The genuine and active interest in formulating proposals for improving our collective agreement is very much valued.

In solidarity,

Greg Myles
President

Doug Best
Executive Vice President