

SEAMO NEGOTIATIONS UPDATE

2000 December 4

Ratification Vote

CTAQ, in cooperation with the School of Medicine, will be conducting a ratification vote for a new or amended Alternative Funding Agreement. The current funding agreement expires on 2000 December 31.

Following a CTAQ Town Hall Meeting to be held on 2000 December 13, ballots will be distributed to all GFT faculty. As in the past, voting will be by secret ballot. GFTs will have until 2000 December 18 at 1700 hours, to return their completed ballots. At the request of CTAQ, Mrs. Kris Bowes, Administrative Assistant to the Dean, will act as the "Returning Officer".

CTAQ will follow the procedure used in ratification of the current *Amendment and Extension to the Agreement*. A "double two-thirds" majority will be required to ratify. This means that two-thirds of the GFTs voting **and** two-thirds of Departments with more than four GFTs voting will be required to ratify. Departments will be carried by a simple majority.

Declarations

It has been determined that GFTs will be required to "re-park" their billing numbers should a new multiyear agreement or amendment be ratified. In view of the extraordinarily short time frame, Department Heads will distribute Declarations to department members following the 2000 December 13 Town Hall Meeting.

Questions about upcoming negotiations?

Please speak with your Department Head or with any of the members of the Negotiating Team.

Town Hall Meeting

The Clinical Teachers' Association of Queen's University will hold a Town Hall Meeting on Wednesday, 2000 December 13 at 1700 hours. The meeting will be held in the Old Cafeteria, Connell 3, KGH. The purpose of the meeting is to advise CTAQ members on the Alternative Funding Agreement with government now being negotiated. More information will be available prior to the meeting.

Negotiations Continue

SEAMO and Ministry negotiators continue to meet during intense negotiations. Both sides are aware of the extreme time pressure and are working very hard to reach an agreement to present to their principals prior to the expiry of the current funding agreement. Negotiations were described by both parties as "productive".