

First EBA bargaining meeting – 1 April 2014

Yesterday ASU delegates and officials met with Slater & Gordon Management at the Melbourne Office to commence negotiations for the next Enterprise Agreement's for Lawyers and Support Staff.

The ASU is fired up and ready to go! ASU delegates came from around the country and travelled many hours to attend the meeting. One delegate from a Queensland north coast Office woke up at 2am so she could attend the 10am meeting in Melbourne! Our delegates are committed to ensuring the fair terms and conditions of employment are maintained at Slater & Gordon.

What happened?

This meeting was an introductory meeting primarily to discuss how negotiations would proceed. Management presented to the group on the challenges faced by the business and during this, gave us a very broad outline of what they would like to achieve out of these negotiations. Most importantly they flagged that they don't intend this to be a 'roll over' agreement and they want to make significant changes to the EBA.

The plan from here

Management have committed to presenting their log of claims at the next meeting. This meeting is due to take place in the next couple of weeks, we are just waiting to lock in the exact date. This should give us a detailed understanding of what changes management want to see in the EBA.

We are currently working on our log of claims. Over the last few weeks we have been surveying our members around the country. We are currently collating these survey results to identify ASU member's priorities for these negotiations. In the next week we will produce a draft log of claims that reflect these identified priorities. An ASU organiser will be visiting your workplace in the coming weeks to discuss the claims and get members endorsement. Following this process, we will present the endorsed log of claims to management.

What we need you to do

- Talk to your colleagues about the EBA and its terms and conditions. Inform and educate each other about your rights;

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Stay informed

- Sign up your colleagues to the ASU! They can join online at <https://www.asu.asn.au/asujoin> The more Union members we have, the more bargaining strength we have and ability to ensure the next EBA has fair terms and conditions;
- Become an ASU delegate. Some floors and offices don't currently have a permanent ASU Delegate to represent them. We need delegates for all areas to ensure the whole workforce is represented in these negotiations.

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