

## **Massive APS support for Benefits Agreement**

The unveiling of voting results for the Benefits Agreement was undertaken by the APS Vote Supervision Committee at 12.00h Monday, September 29th, in Montreal, thus meeting the requirements of the postal procedures related to our By-Laws.

The Rules and Regulations governing national consultations at APS, provide for secret balloting from the private residence of every voting member of the organization. The deadline to cast ballots was before September 26 and therefore the last mail delivery was picked up at APS headquarters on Monday the 29th.

The Committee made up of Mario Poudrier, Hervé Lamarre, Yves Ledoux and Claude Beausoleil was witness to a 96% plus of the votes in favour of the deal submitted to the members concerning the pension fund surplus and the Health Care benefits.

The approval procedure to adopt the Memorandum (listed and explained on this web-site) has to see all unions submit the proposal to their membership before it can be enacted. This consultation deadline was set for September 30th, 2008.

Needless to say this step is the most determinant factor in the whole process. Mario Poudrier expressed his gratitude for the strong support after having met through phone conferences or by meetings in the main locations, all APS members wishing to receive information on the Memorandum.

APS has then given its massive approval for the Memorandum of Agreement by a vote surpassing the 96 % mark.