

Local 597 Conducts Steward Training

In an effort to improve representing members and improving industry relations Jacksonville Local 597 held its' inaugural Steward Training Class.

September 19, 2009 – 18 members of Local 597 gathered at their Union Hall auditorium in an effort to improve representation for the members and families of Local 597 along with their relationship with their employers.

Training consisted of learning the duties and obligations of a Union Steward, rights and responsibilities, contract review and filling out the all important Steward Report. Local 597 members openly discussed the issues involved in proper representation and the responsibilities to the employers.

The training was conducted by District Represented David Gornewicz who was assisted by Administrative Assistant Bill Bradley. The new stewards were issued certificates and cards that certify that they have completed the training. The goal for Local 597 is to have a pool of trained Union Stewards to choose from in order to better represent the membership on the job.

Information submitted on Steward Reports is vital to the membership of Local 597 in several ways. The information is used to verify work hours for benefits, check-off, Social Security, Grievances, and Davis-Bacon Surveys. The forms will be available on the Local 597 web site Steward Page at <http://www.ironworkers597.com>.

Congratulations to the Local 597 members who gave up there Saturday for the good of all!

