

# EDUCATION COMMITTEE REPORT

MARCH 2011

## Steward Training - February 2011



We had 30 Stewards go through Steward Level I training on Thursday, February 3rd at our Local Lodge. There was a mix of Members from all work areas who participated. With the newly refurbished Lodge meeting room it was a comfortable learning environment for our Members. The attending Members were from Air Canada / Aveos, United Airlines, and MTU. Also in attendance were 11 Stewards of Local Lodge 16, representing the Members at Garda. Our President, Bro. Chris Hiscock, was also in attendance.

Our Facilitator was Bro. Glenn Cooper from the Avionics Department of Air Canada. Before getting into Avionics, Bro. Cooper spent a few years in the Training Department teaching many courses.

This day long course covers a generic view of the Union's structure. Stewards are also given an awareness section from our Educator, Bro. Wes Sim and the EAP Representative, Bro. Brian Bethell (pictured above). Another Level I Steward class will be happening in March. As we head into a year or two of new contracts, our Education Committee will be tasking other individuals, with their newly negotiated contracts, to take this training to another level. We would like to see each Steward receive Collective Agreement training for their respective agreements. As well, we will be resuming Health & Safety I and II for our active Safety Reps, facilitated by Bro. Steve Daechsel and Bro. Dan Cooke. Brothers Hiscock and Wainwright are also having Pension Seminars in the month of March as the impending split is looming.

So a big thank you goes out to Bro. Cooper for his keen approach to helping our Stewards gain some knowledge which will give them some confidence when helping to represent their Members in the workplace.

In Solidarity,

Wes Sim, Educator and Trustee