

Weekend Steward Learning Series, January 23 to 25, 2015

This weekend long course took place in Windsor. The SLS topics were Representing Members in Front of Management, Resolving Grievances Without Going to Arbitration, and Challenging Racism in the Workplace.

The courses were set up in a way that they flowed easily from one topic to the next, and were facilitated well.

The room was small, the group was large, but the discussions were kept informative and on topic.

It was not as easy to come up with personal instances of racism, although we did discuss the issues as they could pertain to us as Stewards. As in our discussion, we were mostly Caucasian, so no visible minorities were present. However, we watched a very good video by Linda Murray who spoke of the origin of racism. Her speech detailed how racism was created by corporations and those in power to have and keep control over "lesser" beings.

The other courses were refresher courses and as always, brought about new ideas and ways to accomplish tasks.