

# New York City Amalgamated Professional Employees



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## Leadership Training

Local 154 conducted its 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Leadership Training and Certification Program on November 13<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> at District Council 37. The Training was organized by Vice President Mark Heron along with Larry Kelly of the Education Department of DC37 and Marianella Santana, our distinguished Council Representative. The training covered roles of Shop Stewards, and union representatives, it also reviewed specific issues within our various contracts, and themes related to concerns frequently raised by union members.

Local 154 officers handle 11 contractual agreements covering the more than 20 titles it represents. Knowledge and understanding of the subject matters in the contracts is crucial to properly inform the members. Sometimes members in the same title are covered by different agreements. Knowing the difference could be the factor determining whether a case would be won or a member's job would be in jeopardy.

Local 154 wants our members to be adequately informed about issues of concern to them as members and this training is just one of the conduits that are used. Our philosophy is that an informed union member is a strong union member.

Diana Thillet, Shop Steward for our Claims Specialists at the Law Department in the Bronx, proud recipient of a certification, stated that she "...enjoyed the training and it was very good to add to her knowledge about the Rights of Union members." President Juan Fernandez added, "We will continue to hosts forums like this to continue to inform our members; we want them to be active and involved."

Check this website for upcoming events and trainings sponsored by your Local 154.