

Local 1334 Report by Karen Egan

During the week of May 31-June 5. I had the opportunity to complete Level 6 Occupational Disease. In each of the levels of Prevention Link series. It prepares Worker Representatives on employees. Level 1: Rights and Obligations gives the history of Workers compensation system. Level 2: Benefits and Services looks at the significance of WSIB legislation. Level 3: How to Appeal and Dispute Resolutions here you do a mock trial. Return to Work level 4 looks at the roles of the employer, injured worker, Worker Rep, and Health and Safety Rep in regard to rights and responsibilities in return-to-work process. Medical Orientation Level 5 looks at common occupational injuries; examples are chronic pain, and mental stress. Occupational disease Level 6. We looked at the role that scientific evidence, exposure studies. How to gather information to support WSIB claims. The adjudicated process with emphasis on deciphering and presenting evidence through causal link using WSIB policies and WSIAT decisions.

We also had three guest speakers: Laura Walton OFL President,

Dave Wilken OHCOW Interim Chief Executive Officer. Kim Marshal Training Rep from WHSC.

Thank you for the opportunity to all to be able to go and learn.

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