



Annual Meeting 2008

Atlanta, Georgia

AFGE Local 3599 Officers, Stewards, and Alternate Stewards gathered in Atlanta, Georgia from September 12-13, 2008 for our Annual Meeting. First we conducted the business of the Local including: the reports from the President, Treasurer, and Chief Steward; passing the coming year's budget; legislative action; membership recruitment; and quarterly call schedule. Then we brought home to our Local a very special steward's training package that was first introduced in August at the National Council Meeting.



Local President Sharon Baker had been the chief coordinator of the national train-the-trainer program, intended to pass along expertise to the next generation of Union leadership. Local 3599 members who attended the National Council training became the presenters at our Local meeting: Allen Hammond presented on steward's duties and Weingarten rights; Darrick Anderson spoke on grievance filing; Rachel Shonfield covered information requests; and Sharon Baker taught about third party assistance, e.g., FLRA and MSPB. All participants at the Local training took home a thick training manual covering hot-button labor management topics that will be helpful in the ongoing representation of our members. Pictures of the trainers in action are below. When not on the clock, the group enjoyed catching up with each other and swapping information about goings-on in our offices that cover most of the Southeast.

