



## AIRCRAFT MECHANICS FRATERNAL ASSOCIATION

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To: All AMFA Locals and Members

Re: **National Director's Monthly Update for November 2009**

Dear Members:

This month the National Executive Council (NEC), Local Presidents and an Airline Representative from each of the carriers we represent met in Dallas, Texas for our last Joint Advisory Council (JAC) meeting of 2009. We had the opportunity to discuss issues of interest for our Association and review the data gathered in the annual membership survey. Prior to the JAC meeting I had the privilege of swearing in our newly elected Assistant National Director, Floyd Looney.

During the NEC's time in Dallas we took the opportunity to visit the Southwest Airlines hanger and meet with the local membership. Additionally, after the meetings in Dallas concluded, I was able to travel to Houston, Texas to attend the Local 18 membership and Local Executive Council meetings.

Later in the month I traveled back to Dallas to attend the SWA Appearance Technician negotiations that were back in progress after successful resolution regarding a dispute on their annual bid. The negotiations went well and future dates are being scheduled.

At Alaska Airlines, the AMFA representatives are still addressing various issues dealing with the ASAP program as there are genuine concerns with how the program is being administered. Additionally, the Contract Negotiating Committee will soon be starting the contract proposal submission process. With a two-year extension and the opportunity to initiate negotiations a year prior to the amendable date we need to begin this process right away to ensure we are prepared for compiling with the timeline requirements.

The votes for the AMFA – Mesaba Airlines Mandatory Overtime Pay for Field Service Trips Letter of Agreement was tallied and ratified on November 2, 2009.

Fred Digne, National Safety and Standards Director and I continued working with our legislative firm Keys to the Capitol this month to continue our efforts regarding AMFA's legislative agenda and strategies going forward. We will be bringing the locals into the process as we work together to address legislative issues.

For more carrier specific updates and in depth information regarding AMFA and the airline industry, please visit the AMFA National Web site at [www.AMFANational.org](http://www.AMFANational.org) and remember our most determined efforts will not succeed without your continued support and participation – Please stay informed. With your participation we will jointly craft our collective future. Work together, support one another, and be proud of your important profession.

Sincerely,

Louie Key  
National Director