



AIRCRAFT MECHANICS FRATERNAL ASSOCIATION, REGION I

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To: All AMFA Locals in Region I

Re: **Region I Director's Monthly Update for December 2006**

Dear Members:

This is the last report for 2006 and much has happened this year to be sure. But, as we look forward to 2007, it appears that we are in for a very interesting year. As this year comes to a close all the news seems to be focused on the topic of airline mergers. United's CEO has made it known that UAL plans to be a player in the merger mania game and Northwest, as it tries to emerge from bankruptcy, has indicated that they too have hired merger consultants.

What does all this mean to us as employees and AMFA members? Historically, mergers have proven to be bad for employees. Typically there is consolidation of work centers which result in a loss of total employee count and furloughs result. Additionally, even the core issue of union representation is at risk. Depending on the merger partners the union members may have the opportunity for a representation election. Democracy is a healthy thing and everybody deserves the right to vote, but if too few members participate in the election the result could be that no union is recognized. AMFA has established a Merger Committee to monitor and prepare for merger/acquisition issues and opportunities that may arise. We have been holding regular conferences to develop our strategies.

AMFA's affiliation with the Aircraft Engineers International (AEI) is moving forward. There will be much information about AEI, and the positive aspects of our affiliation, provided to you over the next few months. You will ultimately have the opportunity to vote on the affiliation so please take the time to get informed. You can learn more about AEI on their website <http://www.airengineers.org> which is linked from the AMFA National website, and additional information is on Local 9's website under the News and Updates link.

National Safety and Standards Director Mike Ayala presented the AMFA Professional Standards program to AMFA Local leaders at the November JAC Meeting in Denver. The program is currently used by ALPA and AFA at many air carriers. The program is designed for conflict resolution between union members (either within the same union or cross-union) in hopes of resolving issues in-house before they are raised to management.

It would be redundant to cover, in-depth, each carrier specific update here but please do pursue further information regarding AMFA and other industry related news on AMFA National's website at www.AMFANATL.org, the AMFA Information Line 1-800-520-AMFA (2632) and the Region I Local websites; Local 8 at <http://www.amfa8.org>, Local 9 at <http://www.amfa9.org>, Local 14 at <http://www.amfa14.org>, and Local 32 at <http://www.amfa32.com>.

Sincerely,

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