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To: All AMFA Locals

Re: **National Secretary/Treasurer' Monthly Report for February 2009**

Dear Members:

The first week of February I participated on the NEC conference call, finalized preparations for the quarterly Joint Advisory Council (JAC) meeting next week, prepared for the Alaska Airlines Contract Proposal Referendum, as well as the usual handling of invoices and communications.

The second week, the Local and National leadership and Airline Representatives participated in the quarterly JAC meeting where we discussed matters of importance to the Association. I also worked on changes to operations of AMFA National that would reduce our overall costs. We were informed of the Teamsters filing for representation at Horizon Air. They were handing out flyers on Wednesday even though the actual filing with the National Mediation Board (NMB) did not happen until Thursday. On Friday I worked with legal to send our response to the NMB.

The third week of February we had our weekly NEC conference call. I also worked on responses to the IBT filing at Horizon Air. The NMB has received a list of all employees in the Mechanic and Related Class and Craft at Horizon Air from the Company. The NMB is now investigating the list and will soon make a determination as to whether or not an election will be conducted. We are continuing our efforts to produce flyers and literature to counter the lies and misinformation being produced by the IBT Organizing Department. Much like they did at United, they make a lot of promises about what they will do if you elect them; however, once the vote is over and they are collecting your dues, they pack up and move on to the next group they can manipulate.– Leaving behind others to make up excuses as to why these promises are not happening. We are still hearing from many United Mechanics that are unhappy with the IBT and are preparing to start card drives to remove them. Unfortunately, the earliest they can file is April 2010.

The last week of February the NEC held our weekly Monday conference call. The Committee at NWA that worked out the seniority integration issues with the Delta merger has brought back information to the NEC in regard to how Delta plans to handle the remaining issues like pay, benefits, and job bids. We discussed this matter and reviewed the status of the card drive at Delta. While we have had good responses and many authorization cards submitted we are still well short of filing for an election. Therefore, the NEC has decided that in the interest of those we represent receiving parity with their Delta counterparts, we would relinquish our certification at NWA. We wish them all the best in their future at Delta.

In Solidarity,

Steven A. Nowak
National Secretary / Treasurer

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