



AIRCRAFT MECHANICS FRATERNAL ASSOCIATION

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To: All AMFA Locals

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

Dear Members:

The first week of June, I participated on the NEC conference call, worked on details and preparations for the Constitutional Proposal Referenda and the SWA Outsource Liaison representative elections. I also worked on putting together articles and pictures for the Grapevine.

The second week of June, I participated on the NEC Conference Call, reviewed and approved invoices, and worked on the details to replace Qwest communications for the Nationals internet and phone needs. As our contract with Qwest will be over at the end of the month, we will be able to realize a substantial monthly cost savings while still maintaining the same type of service and keeping our existing phone numbers by switching service providers.

The third week of June, we had our weekly NEC Conference Call, processed and submitted the final paperwork for the closing of Local 33, reviewed and approved invoices and continued to work out the details of our phone and internet system transfer. An ongoing effort by the NEC is to make more visits to the Locals and stations where we represent members; towards that effort I scheduled a visit to the Mesaba Airlines Hangar in DTW. Airline Representative Jim Schafer arranged pre and post shift meetings for all three shifts. I spoke to those in attendance about our efforts to make more station visits, the Special Convention, the proposal referenda, and the NEC's plans for the membership survey. Jim and I also answered questions from the members about various issues including the Delta merger and AMFA's decision to decertify at the former NWA. Overall it was a very rewarding opportunity for me and even turned out to be a bit of a reunion when one of the mechanics came up afterwards and introduced himself. I told him that his name and face seemed rather familiar and he reminded me that we had worked together in the early 1980s at a regional carrier called Simmons Airlines. I was also able to visit on the hangar floor and catch a few pictures for the Grapevine. I truly look forward to more station visits.

The fourth week of June, after the NEC conference call I worked on finalizing the Grapevine, renegotiating our lease for the National Office and finalizing the details for the phone and internet service cutover to minimize the down time to our phones and emails. I am also happy to report that we have come to terms on a new office lease that will provide additional cost savings to the Association. This issue of the Grapevine is being distributed electronically; it has been sent to the Locals to distribute and can be viewed on the National web site at <http://www.amfanational.org> under "Publications and Forms" in the Main Menu.

In Solidarity,

Steven A. Nowak
National Secretary/Treasurer

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