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To: All AMFA Locals and Members

Re: **National Secretary/Treasurer's Monthly Report for September 2010**

Dear Members:

I apologize for this month report being so late. As you can probably imagine, the end of September and beginning of October has become quite busy with the announcement of the AirTran acquisition by Southwest Airlines (SWA). Being busy is not necessarily a bad thing, at times it helps us remain focused on our primary purpose – ensuring that the interests of our members are represented.

I hope that all of you had a good Labor Day holiday. September started out quite calm and normal as I worked throughout the month on the usual business of administrative tasks, conference calls with the NEC, and reviewing and approving various invoices and expense reports. The latest issue of the Grapevine was completed in September. It has been sent to the Locals for distribution and is also posted on the National web site (<http://www.amfanational.org>). I also continued the work on our membership data system, answering dues related questions for members, processing and submitting insurance forms and paperwork, and negotiated a lease extension for our National Office.

In September, we completed the Proposal Prioritization process at Alaska Airlines (ASA). Thank you to all the ASA members that participated in the referendum. The information has been given to the Negotiation Committee as they prepare for the start of negotiations at the carrier.

Later in the month, I filed the Application for Representation with the National Mediation Board (NMB) to represent the Aircraft Maintenance Controllers at SWA. Thanks to the efforts of Assistant National Director Floyd Looney and Region II Director Jack Coonrod, after holding several meetings we soon had more than enough signed Accretion Authorization cards from the controllers to make this possible. We are still waiting for a determination from the NMB regarding the Application filed in August for the Facilities Maintenance Technicians at SWA. We look forward to welcoming these groups into the Association.

I worked with National Safety and Standards Director Fred Digne and Local 32 Safety and Standards Chairman Dave Brooks to get the Local 32 Bylaws completed and approved by the NEC. This has also helped us at National in updating and revising our policies and making them consistent.

In September, I also worked on refining and preparing our Annual Member Survey. The survey instructions have been sent to all AMFA members. I encourage everyone to take the opportunity to participate in the survey.

In Solidarity,

Steven A. Nowak

National Secretary/Treasurer