



## AIRCRAFT MECHANICS FRATERNAL ASSOCIATION

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To: All AMFA Locals and Members

Re: **National Director's Monthly Update for January 2012**

Dear Members:

This month, *and year*, started right off with a very busy schedule. The AMFA Southwest Airlines (SWA) Seniority Integration Committee concluded the informational road show explaining Letters of Agreement (LOAs) to the SWA Contract, the Company's Seniority Integration Proposal, and the Integration/Transition Agreement that will be presented to our SWA members across the system for ratification. The first vote will include four LOAs and the results will be tallied on February 14<sup>th</sup>; the second vote will be on the Seniority Integration Package and the results will be tallied on February 21<sup>st</sup>. Please pay particularly close attention to the AMFA National website for voting details and information. I attended the Local 32 membership meeting on January 4<sup>th</sup> and have a full appreciation of the members concerns surrounding these issues.

On January 17<sup>th</sup> the AMFA Horizon Air Organizing Committee filed for a representation election to once again be represented by the AMFA. The disappointment many felt toward the IBT and their string of broken promises motivated a grassroots organizing effort to re-join AMFA - the only craft union representing, and fighting for, the aircraft maintenance technician. We are now waiting for the National Mediation Board to set the dates for the election. If you speak with one of the Horizon Air mechanics, let them know we are all looking forward to having them back in our union.

The SWA Appearance Technician Negotiations resumed the first week of January in Dallas, and there are two sessions scheduled for the first two weeks of February.

The Alaska Airlines contract passed final review this month and is being sent to the printers. The contract will be distributed in the near future.

The transition of Mesaba Airlines into Pinnacle Airlines concluded on January 4<sup>th</sup>, and many of the former Mesaba members are interested in unionizing the property. We are prepared to assist them in their efforts to bring the union in as their collective bargaining representative and look forward to working with their organizing committee.

For more carrier specific updates and further 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 only succeed with 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