



AIRCRAFT MECHANICS FRATERNAL ASSOCIATION, REGION I

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To: All AMFA Locals in Region 1

Re: **Region I Director's Monthly Update for August 2009**

Dear Members:

I started the first week of August by participating in our weekly National Executive Council (NEC) conference call on Monday morning. On Thursday the tally of the votes for the Alaska Airlines Extension tentative agreement (TA) and three other Letters of Agreement (LOA) was completed. The Extension vote passed with about 78% of votes cast to accept and 22% to reject, the LOA on Alternative Work Schedules passed with about 79% to accept, 17% to reject and 4% abstained, LOA on Electronic Bidding passed with about 91% to accept, 8% to reject and 1% abstained, LOA on Leave of Absence in Lieu of Furlough passed with about 89% to accept, 8% to reject and 3% abstained. I informed Alaska Airlines of the results and worked with Alaska on a joint Press Release.

The second week on Monday I traveled to Denver to participate in our face to face National Executive Council (NEC) meeting. On Tuesday I participated in the quarterly Joint Advisory Counsel (JAC) Meeting, all Locals had representatives in attendance. Upon adjournment of the JAC meeting the NEC reconvened our NEC meeting. On Wednesday the NEC, all Southwest Airlines Local Presidents and Airline Representatives attended a meeting with Southwest Management in our National Office in Denver. In attendance for Southwest management were Jim Sokol VP Maintenance Operations, Mike Ryan VP Labor Relations and Juan Suarez Associate Labor Counsel. Topics discussed were the Grievance back log at system board and the Southwest bid for Frontier Airlines. After the conclusion of the meeting with Southwest, the NEC again reconvened our NEC meeting; we worked on revising the Policy Statement for the ASAP AMFA Event Review Committee Representatives Accountability, Duties, Responsibility and Selection and the Policy Statement on Accident Investigation Team Guidelines. On Thursday the NEC again reconvened, I traveled back home due to flight loads.

The next week, on Monday I participated on our NEC conference call. I then took the rest of the week off as vacation and went to Las Vegas.

The last week of the month on Wednesday morning I participated on the NEC conference call. Later that morning I also participated on a conference call with Keys to The Capitol, AMFA's new legislative advocacy group. On the call we got up to speed on the legislative issues we are monitoring.

Always remember to check your Locals web site for the most up to date information, go to www.amfa14.org, and www.amfa32.com. Thanks for the opportunity to represent all the members in Region 1.

Sincerely,

Earl Clark
Region I Director

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