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To: All AMFA Locals

Re: **Assistant National Director's Monthly Update for April 2008**

Dear Members:

As mentioned last month Southwest Airlines (SWA) has retreated from their concept of sending any new maintenance work to an international location and, as a result, this will effect the contract extension negotiations. The Company has stated the economics of the extension offer were being financed, in large part, from the savings generated by sending some of their maintenance work to El Salvador. Southwest Airlines has indicated they would like to continue in the contract extension talks but they need to reevaluate their positions and re-schedule future negotiation dates. AMFA supports the Company's decision and pointed out that this is an excellent opportunity to bring more work in-house especially with the recent opening of a new Southwest hanger at their Dallas facility. At this time the negotiating committee is continuing to prepare our Section 6 proposal from the proposals submitted from the membership.

At Horizon Air the negotiating committee met in Seattle to start the process of crafting our Section 6 proposal and attended the Local 14 membership meeting. We responded to questions surrounding the upcoming negotiations and other concerns of the members. On April 24th Horizon Air announced they would be transitioning to a smaller, all Q-400, fleet. Horizon is targeting an 18- to 24-month timeframe and there will be the possibility of headcount reductions. The Company has stated they would pursue voluntary separation options and have not indicated what departments will take what reductions. We will be watching this very closely and keeping you posted.

The National Executive Council meeting was in Denver at our National Office. This month we filled the vacant position of the Region I Director and appointed Tom Imlah, Local 14 Horizon Air, Airline Representative to serve the remainder of the term. Tom brings an extensive labor background to this position and we look forward to working with him as he transitions into this position. Next month is the AMFA National Convention where the Association will have the opportunity nominate new National Officers and amend the AMFA Constitution.

For carrier specific updates and more in depth information regarding AMFA and the airline industry, please visit AMFA National's Web site at www.AMFANational.org and/or the AMFA Information Line 1-800-520-AMFA (2632).

Sincerely,

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