



## AIRCRAFT MECHANICS FRATERNAL ASSOCIATION

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To: All AMFA Locals and Members

Re: **National Director's Monthly Update for October 2010**

Dear Members:

Work continues at both Mesaba Airlines and Southwest Airlines by our Seniority Integration Committees.

At Mesaba Airlines, the Airline Representatives and Region II Director Jack Coonrod met with Company representatives in Minneapolis on October 25, 2010, to continue the dialogue on the course of developments stemming from Pinnacle's purchase of Mesaba and Colgan Air. As you may recall, Pinnacle stated that Colgan Air would eventually be phased-out and all of their turboprops would be operated and maintained by Mesaba Airlines. Future meetings have been planned and our Committee is working on an update that will provide greater details of the meeting in Minneapolis.

At Southwest Airlines, our Seniority Integration Committee has been formed and we will be holding our first face-to-face meeting in November. Please keep in mind that the proposed deal still requires federal regulatory approval and, assuming it is approved, will still take one to two years for completion. Our Committee will evaluate all options and determine the best course of action to protect our SWA member's contractual and seniority rights. Our Committee will also be meeting with SWA Company officials in November to gain insight on their anticipated timeline of events.

The Association is awaiting word from the National Mediation Board (NMB) on our filing to represent the Aircraft Maintenance Controllers and Facility Maintenance Technicians at Southwest Airlines. The process is ongoing and we will keep you posted as the NMB completes its investigation and announces its decision.

At Alaska Airlines, contract negotiations draw near. I have exchanged Section 6 notices with the Company and we will soon schedule dates to exchange opening proposals. On October 25, 2010, AMFA Representatives and I attended a meeting with the leaders of all the labor unions at the carrier and the Alaska Airlines officers to get a preview of Alaska's goals for the next five years. It was an interesting meeting, and as stated in the ATA SmartBrief today, "Alaska Airlines plans to grow by as much as 9%."

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 not succeed without 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