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To: All AMFA Locals and Members

Re: **National Director's Monthly Update for October 2009**

Dear Members:

This month Steve Nowak, National Secretary/Treasurer, James Kinnerk, Local 18 Airline Representative and I traveled to Washington DC to meet with our new legislative firm Keys to the Capitol. We met with co-founders of the firm, President Paul Kanitra and Managing Partner Faisal Hasan, to review and analyze our legislative agenda and strategies going forward. We were very pleased with the results and are looking forward to beginning various initiatives as we continue to advocate for our profession. Additionally while we were in DC, we met with US Congresswoman Eddie Bernice Johnson (TX) and US Congressman Adam Smith (WA) to discuss issues related to our profession. Most notably, the effects of increased maintenance outsourcing, both domestically and internationally, and the consequence it has on issues of safety and security.

Also while in DC, Local 18 BWI Area Representative Bob Cramer, escorted us to the BWI SWA maintenance facility for a tour and a station visit with the aircraft and ground service technician members. This was a very productive trip to the East Coast and I look forward to future visits.

Voting concluded this month for the position of Assistant National Director. Please join me in congratulating Floyd Looney, a Southwest member from Local 11, in his winning the election. Floyd will be sworn into office at our NEC meeting the first week of November.

The SWA Appearance Technician negotiations have stalled as the Airline Representatives and the Company work to resolve the issue of the Company's action of creating new hybrid bid locations on the annual bid which appear to be an end around of the negotiations process. We will keep the membership updated as we work through the matter.

Mesaba members are in the process of voting on a potential Letter of Agreement to amend the contract language dealing with rates of pay while on field service missions and also providing for technicians being able to perform certain types of deferrals that are currently being performed by maintenance control. Results will be tallied on November 2nd.

The Alaska Airlines, Airline Representatives have been working on various issues dealing with the ASAP program trying to resolve some apparent discrepancies on when filings are being accepted into the program. They have also been working on trying to mitigate potential furloughs the Company is contemplating.

For more carrier specific updates and in depth information regarding AMFA and the airline industry, please visit the AMFA National Web site at 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