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To: All AMFA Locals

Re: **National Director's Monthly Update for November 2008**

Dear Members:

I hope that each of you enjoyed your Thanksgiving holiday. The first week of November I spent in Dallas attending the Southwest Airlines contract extension negotiations for the mechanic's contract. The Company has proposed a comprehensive extension offer. The details of the negotiations are in the update and are available on the National website. The next session starts December 2nd, and both sides have committed to extensive days in an attempt to further the process along.

The following week I attended our quarterly Joint Advisory Council (JAC) meeting in Denver. At this meeting the National Executive Council, the Local Presidents and a Contract Representative from each of our carriers meet to discuss matters of interest and set direction for the Association. The next JAC meeting will be in the second week of February.

The third week of November I spent in Seattle and Portland. On the 19th I attended the Local 14 monthly membership meeting and had the opportunity to make the rounds in Seattle updating the Local 14 membership of the developments from the Alaska Airlines contract extension offer. Additionally, on the 20th and 21st I traveled to Portland and spent time in the Horizon Air hanger visiting with our AMFA members on all 3 shifts and participating in the Section 6 opening negotiations. AMFA and Horizon Air exchanged an overview of our initiatives that we will be addressing in detail during negotiations. We have tentatively agreed to start our open negotiations in January and then meet the last week of each month going forward. As always, our member observers are encouraged to participate in these negotiations. After all, it is your contract we are working on and only by working together can we achieve the best possible outcome.

At Northwest our seniority integration committee will be meeting with Delta's committee the first week in December. I will keep you updated on the outcome from those meetings.

For more carrier specific updates and in depth information regarding AMFA and the airline industry, please visit AMFA National's 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

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