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To: All AMFA Locals and Members

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

Dear Members:

As I write this today, the National Mediation Board (NMB) has mailed representational election ballots to our Horizon Air members. I am confident that if our members take the responsibility of doing their own homework and truly investigate the differences between the AMFA and the Teamsters, they will conclude they already belong to the best union representing aircraft maintenance professionals in the industry. To this end, AMFA has invited the Teamsters to a debate in front of the Horizon Air members. The debate is scheduled to take place on April 2, 2009, in Portland. At this time, we are working out the logistics of having the first debate of the day simulcast in a Web-based format for our members. If we are able to set up the simulcast, login information will be posted. The voting concludes on April 20th.

In light of the above, I have spent much time in Portland, Oregon this month with our Horizon and Alaska members. Local 14 and AMFA National conducted informational meetings on March 15th, and the NEC held our monthly meeting March 24th through 26th in Portland where we also had an opportunity to meet with many members. Also while there, I was able to visit both the Alaska line maintenance and Horizon base maintenance locations providing negotiation updates to the members.

The Southwest mechanic's contract is in the process of being printed and will be distributed in the near future. Also, the Appearance Technician contract negotiations are continuing with the next session scheduled for April 21 – 23 in Dallas.

The contract extension negotiations at Alaska are continuing, but we are waiting greater detail regarding the internal wage ranking that may have been influenced by the recent TAs of the flight attendants and pilots. The Section 6 negotiations are proceeding as well and the Committee will be convening soon to prepare our proposal from the prioritized proposals and establish negotiation dated with the Company.

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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