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To: All AMFA Locals and Members

Re: **National Director's Monthly Update for April 2011**

Dear Members:

The National Executive Council met in Denver this month to continue progress on the many initiatives we currently have on our agenda; from legislative, training and organizing to negotiations and merger transition issues.

The SWA Appearance Technician negotiations continued on April 6th and future dates are in the process of being scheduled and both sides are still considering whether to jointly file for mediation with the NMB.

The Alaska Airlines negotiations also continued the week of April 18th in Seattle. As we transition into the more complicated proposals progress slows but both sides were able to articulate, with clarity, their perspectives on the items being negotiated. Future dates are set for the first week in May.

Last month the National Mediation Board certified that the SWA Maintenance Controllers, Operations Team Leaders, and Facility Maintenance Technicians properly belong in our class and craft. However, we had to work through some legal issues with SWA on gaining clarification on accurate data for our new members. We can now begin the process of electing representatives from their classifications to negotiate the letters of agreement that will cover their workgroups.

The AMFA – Mesaba Seniority Integration Committee had a meeting scheduled with the Company for April 1st but the Company has requested to reschedule the meeting during the first part of May. The Committee will notify us when the meeting has been confirmed.

The AMFA – SWA Seniority Integration Committee's LOA regarding station protections is currently in the process of being voted on and will conclude on May 5th, please contact the elections administrator if you have any questions on the voting process.

The Horizon Air mechanics have initiated a grassroots organizing campaign to leave the IBT and re-join AMFA. This month marks the end of the two-year bar from conducting a representation election at Horizon Air and there is significant interest being shown.

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 and remember our most determined efforts will only succeed with 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