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To: All AMFA Locals and Members

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

Dear Members:

With the election at Horizon Air completing on April 20th and the IBT gaining more votes than AMFA, it is time to reflect on what AMFA can learn from this experience. A little introspection on things we could have approached differently is in order. But first I want to reassure all of our members that this is not a terminal blow to AMFA.

While it is true that we have lost members in the past two years due to bankruptcies, mergers, and representational elections, your NEC has been busy making adjustments to our structure and our cost basis that aligns with our adjusted income. We still represent three carriers and have approximately 3,000 members. On this foundation we are still completely capable of providing the type of first-class representation our members deserve and have come to expect. Remember AMFA represents two of the top three paid airlines in the country.

In the final days of the Horizon Air vote there were members who admitted they voted for the IBT but wished to change their vote to support AMFA due to a realization, although too late, that what AMFA had been telling them was true. They also witnessed the actions of the IBT International as they seized their pilots Local 747 due to various other pilot groups wanting to leave the Teamsters. Unfortunately, under the voting regulations you cannot change your vote once cast.

At Horizon Air it will undoubtedly be a repeat of the United Airlines story where after only one year under the Teamsters the members are starting a system-wide campaign to replace the IBT. It is clear that things will be looking up for AMFA. Throughout AMFA's history things have never been easy, but one thing is for sure you cannot keep us down. The dedication and beliefs of our members and leadership in our craft and profession is a strong driving force that will not easily be deterred.

AMFA must take this opportunity to evaluate our strengths and weaknesses to recognize where we need to apply additional focus. The amendments to the AMFA Constitution in 2008 require the NEC to do a yearly survey of the members in good standing. Accordingly, I have initiated the process to hold the AMFA Membership Yearly Survey for 2009. This survey will provide you, the members, with an opportunity to answer questions regarding the performance of the officers and leadership as well as questions to gain pertinent information in order to guide the AMFA leadership for the future. There will be further information coming out regarding the survey in the near future.

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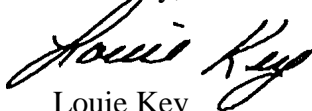
The contract extension negotiations at Alaska continued this past week, however, the Company refused to make any movement on the open items and the parties agreed to set negotiation dates and start the process of regular Section 6 negotiations. As dates are confirmed they will be communicated.

At Southwest, the Appearance Technician contract negotiations are continuing with the next session scheduled for May 14th and 15th.

The Joint Advisory Council and the NEC determined last November that we need to hold a Special Convention to address the dues split between the Locals and National. The Special Convention is scheduled for May and the delegates will have the opportunity to craft an amendment to deal with this issue. Whatever proposal comes from the delegation, it must be presented to the membership for ratification. Please be aware that any proposal to change the dues split between the two administrative bodies, Local and National, will NOT affect the amount a member pays in dues each month.

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