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To: All AMFA Locals and Members

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

Dear Members:

This month we held our 2009 Special Convention where delegates from all of the AMFA locals participated in crafting, and unanimously endorsing a proposal to re-establish population trigger points to fairly adjust the dues split between the National and Local administrative branches of the Association. For absolute clarity, the proposed amendment is not a dues increase.

In order to maintain being a viable and effective force against the challenges our industry and our craft face, our union must have both – strong local and national leadership support. By appropriately allocating our resources we will all ensure that the union is properly positioned to respond to these challenges, run an effective organization, and to provide the exceptional personal representation our members have come to expect.

All of AMFA's Local Treasurers have been consulted and they collectively support this proposal. The AMFA Constitution is unique in that it ensures that you, the member, have the ultimate say in any changes; therefore, it will be up to you to participate in your union. The benefits of supporting the proposal will show your serious commitment to the solidarity of AMFA, an organization that is intensely committed to its cause, increase the availability and accountability of National, and secure the current level of local support services. Further information on the proposal will be mailed to you mid-June.

The contract extension negotiations at Alaska were disappointing the last time we met as 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. However, we may have additional opportunities to meet and discuss an extension offer. If so, we will post notification.

At Southwest, the Appearance Technician contract negotiations are continuing with the next session scheduled for June 9 – 11.

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