



## AIRCRAFT MECHANICS FRATERNAL ASSOCIATION

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To: All AMFA Locals and Members

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

Dear Members:

The Constitutional referendum successfully concluded on July 15. The amendment will re-establish population trigger points to fairly adjust the dues split between the National and Local administrative branches of the Association. Again for clarity, the proposed amendment will not affect individual member's dues rates.

On July 14<sup>th</sup> the voting period for the contract extension at Alaska Airlines started and will conclude on August 6<sup>th</sup>. The TA consists for four separate Letters of Agreement (LOAs). They are the Contract Extension LOA which has several sub-components, an LOA on flexible schedules, an LOA on Leaves in lieu of furlough, and an LOA on a fully electronic bidding process. Each LOA is being voting on individually on the ballot.

On July 30<sup>th</sup> Southwest Airlines (SWA) submitted a nonbinding proposal to acquire Frontier Airlines competing with Republic Airways' bid in bankruptcy court. Initial communications with SWA officials indicate that they plan on running Frontier separately and independently eventually eliminating all of the Airbus fleet at Frontier as they add Boeing aircraft at SWA. Southwest has also indicated that throughout this process former Frontier employees will be given the opportunity to interview for positions at SWA. Seniority issues, if any, will be processed in accordance with our current contract. Separately, the likelihood of representational elections between unions representing the SWA employees and the unions representing the Frontier employees is very low in this scenario. Rest assured we will be monitoring the situation very closely as it evolves and will keep you informed.

The SWA Appearance Technician negotiations are still scheduled to resume in mid-September.

At Mesaba the Company has announced they will be returning 10 of the Saab340 fleet to the lease holder. There is no technician headcount reduction anticipated as a result.

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](http://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