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To: All AMFA Locals and Members

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

Dear Members:

On August 6th the voting concluded for the contract extension at Alaska Airlines. Ballots for this referendum were counted and certified by TrueBallot Inc. There were four separate Letters of Agreement (LOAs) voted on and overwhelmingly approved by the Alaska membership. They were the Contract Extension LOA, an LOA on flexible schedules, an LOA on leaves in lieu of furlough, and an LOA on a fully electronic bidding process. The LOAs were signed on August 31st in Seattle. The Alaska membership can expect their, retroactive for 2008, Performance Based Pay payout on their September 25th paycheck.

This month saw a lot of activity with Southwest Airlines (SWA) submitting a bid to acquire Frontier Airlines. After an intense bidding process Republic Airways' bid for Frontier was ultimately accepted in bankruptcy court. Now only the future will tell how this will play out for Republic and Frontier. Seniority integration concerns between the unionized groups of Frontier and Southwest were a major factor in Republic winning the bid. Southwest was not going to set themselves up for labor unrest between integrated work groups like what has been the case in the US Air and America West merger and the American – TWA Merger.

The SWA Appearance Technician negotiations are still scheduled to resume in mid-September. The latest news on that front is that the Company has retreated from their initial position of wanting to drastically downsize the department and has now informed AMFA that they intend on no involuntary reductions. They told us they will have a more comprehensive outline of their proposal at our September meeting.

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