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To: All AMFA Locals and Members

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

Dear Members:

The SWA Appearance Technician Negotiation Committee finalized their work on the Tentative Agreement (TA) reached with the Company, and have provided informational meetings for the Appearance Technicians. Ballots for the TA ratification will be mailed today, June 30, 2011 and the ballot tally is scheduled for July 26. If ratified the TA will have a duration of six years and become amendable in February 2015.

The AMFA – SWA Seniority Integration Committee held a conference call in early June to discuss the lack of response from the IBT in scheduling preliminary meetings as well as a concern the Company has shared with us in regard to a crew of AirTran mechanics working at DFW. The Committee determined we would wait until we receive a formal proposal from the Company prior to taking a definitive position on their concern. As soon as seniority integration discussions are scheduled with the IBT, we will keep everyone informed. The initial meetings with the IBT will be to establish protocol for future meetings.

Locals 11, 18, and 32 have coordinated and initiated the Section 6 proposal submission process for the SWA mechanics' contract which becomes amendable in August 2012. You may go to your local's website for a link to the contract proposal form. August 31 will be the deadline for submitting proposals. The locals are also seeking volunteers to serve on their Contract Proposal Committees at this time.

Also at Southwest, progress continues for the Maintenance Controllers, Operations Team Leaders, and Facility Maintenance Technicians in electing their negotiation representatives for letters of agreement applicable to each workgroup. These groups concluded submitting their proposals this month.

The Alaska Airlines negotiations continued in June and are set to resume again next week in Seattle. As we transition into the more complicated proposals, progress slows. We will focus on Article 2, Scope and Article 3, Status in the next session. AMFA Legal will be joining our Committee this next session.

The AMFA – Mesaba Seniority Integration Committee attended a meeting in May where the Company stated they were going to keep the Colgan Spec Ops and transfer any Mesaba planes remaining to Colgan but adopt the Mesaba name. Secondly, they were to offer preferential hiring to every Mesaba employee. This was in direct conflict with what they had told the Committee earlier; AMFA legal is assisting the Committee as the Company's true agenda unfolds.

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