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To: AMFA Locals and Members

Re: National Director's Monthly Update for January 2013

Dear Members:

2013 is off to a blazing start. The new national officers were sworn into office on January 7th at the National office in Denver, CO. I would like to take this opportunity to thank and recognize the outgoing national officers for their outstanding service to the Association. Floyd Looney, Steven Nowak, Fred Digne and Jack Coonrod all worked hard advocating for our membership, and when you see them please let them know how much we appreciate their efforts.

Following the week in Denver, the National Executive Council (NEC) had the opportunity to meet in Phoenix and to attend the Local 32 membership meeting. The transition of officers is now complete and the new officers are getting up to speed with their official responsibilities.

The NEC has approved the Local 4 Bylaws crafted by the Local 4 Transition Committee, and Local 4 will be issued its charter effective February 1, 2013. The Local will then begin the nomination and election process to fill local officer and representative positions.

Contract negotiations at Southwest Airlines continued this month with meetings on January 9, 10, 24, and 25. Please look for committee updates on the Website. The next sessions are set for February 12, 13, 27, and 28; you may contact your Airline Representative for observer opportunities.

The Alaska Airlines Professional Standards Program is being well received and continues its informational rollout. Also, the healthcare biometric screening process as part of the wellness program will soon be available; please check your First Class email for details.

January concluded with National Secretary/Treasurer Justin Madden and I meeting in Washington DC where our lobbying firm, Lobbyit.com, facilitated meetings with the offices of: Representative John Garamendi; Senator Amy Klobuchar; NTSB Director, John Delisi; and FAA Director, Office of Accident Investigation and Prevention, Tony Fazio. We discussed an array of issues including outsourcing, foreign repair station oversight, SIDA badging, and the Aviation Safety Information Analysis and Sharing System. We are encouraged by the meetings and have a call scheduled with the Locals' Legislative Contacts in February.

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. Remember, “Safety in the air begins with quality maintenance on the ground.”

Sincerely,

Louie Key
National Director