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To: AMFA Locals and Members

Re: National Director's Monthly Update for March 2013

Dear Members:

On March 5, 2013, Paul Kanitra, President and Nile Elam, Senior Lobbyist of our lobbying firm, Lobbyit.com, hosted a conference call for the NEC and the Local Legislative Points of Contacts (LPOCs) to review the legislative initiatives we are working on. We had great participation from the locals and anticipate a busy year working on legislation that benefits our membership.

March 13-15, 2013, the NEC attended the AMT Society's Maintenance Skills Competition in Las Vegas for the second year in a row. Alaska Airlines sponsored a team of AMFA Technicians to compete but, unfortunately, Southwest Airlines (SWA) decided to withdraw their sponsorship of their hugely successful team which was very disappointing for all. During the awards event AMFA National presented a scholarship to A&P School student, Douglas Rand, who wrote the winning essay outlining the advantages of a craft specific union as compared to an industrial union. Mr. Rand is attending the Tulsa Technology Center in Tulsa, OK.

Contract negotiations at SWA continued this month with meetings on March 7 and 8. Please look for committee updates on the AMFA National Web site. The second session scheduled for March 26 and 27 was canceled at the Company's request. The next meeting dates are set for April 2-4 and 29-30; please contact your Airline Representative for observer opportunities.

On March 19-21, 2013, National Safety & Standards Director David Brooks and the ASAP Representatives from Alaska and Southwest Airlines attended the FAA's ASAP Info-Share in Denver, CO. Kevin Jurasinski, Alaska ASAP ERC Representative, wrote a very detailed report which highlights that the Advisory Circular covering the ASAP program is being amended to include several improvements for technicians; however, the FAA does not anticipate the amendment will be approved until 2014. One of the hot topics at the Info-Share was maintenance personnel fatigue and how it contributes to maintenance errors. For a detailed article on maintenance fatigue from Aviation Maintenance Magazine; [click here](#) and go to page 18.

On March 25, 2013, Local 4 concluded their Local Officers and Representatives Election, and the results are posted on their Website. Local 4's very first general membership meeting is scheduled for April 22 in Chicago and they will also be video conferencing in the stations of Atlanta, Baltimore, and Midway. Most of the NEC officers are planning on being in attendance to congratulate the new LEC members.

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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Louie Key".

Louie Key
National Director