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**NATCA National Executive Board Teleconference  
July 10, 2007**

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The teleconference was called to order by President Patrick Forrey and the following individuals were in attendance:

Paul Rinaldi, Executive Vice President  
Rick Thompson, Alaskan Regional Vice President  
Phil Barbarello, Eastern Regional Vice President  
Bryan Zilonis, Great Lakes Regional Vice President  
Mike Robicheau, New England Regional Vice President  
Scott Farrow, Northwest Mountain Regional Vice President  
Mike MacDonald, Region X Regional Vice President  
Darrell Meachum, Southwest Regional Vice President  
Hamid Ghaffari, Western Pacific Regional Vice President

Also present were Adell Humphreys, Scot Morrison (Alternate Central Regional Vice President) and Jim Marinitti (Alternate Southern Regional Vice President).

**Legislative Update:** NATCA's legislative team doesn't expect to see conference action on the FAA reauthorization bill during July; however, this could change. At this time, we are trying to secure as many votes in the House as possible in order to give the legislation the appearance of being veto proof. We want as many House votes as possible in support of our legislation to make it appear to be veto-proof. A number of activists will be coming to Washington later this month to lobby their representatives on Capitol Hill. A "mini Lobby Week" has been scheduled immediately after Labor Day, which will bring 100 activists to Washington to promote our legislation.

**Engineers Contract:** Mr. MacDonald reported that the newly-ratified Engineers contract will be signed in Washington on Wednesday, July 18.

**Consolidations Workgroup:** Mr. Ghaffari believes that expectations and goals should be developed before the consolidations workgroup actually meets in order to ensure that the Agency clearly understands NATCA's position on this matter.

**IFATCA Regional Meeting:** The next IFATCA Americas Region meeting will take place in October in Aruba. Mr. Rinaldi has created a line item for IFATCA expenses and is tracking these, since they have never been tracked separately and have been paid out of the National Office budget. Mr. Forrey would like to attend the October meeting, especially since he was unable to attend the IFATCA Annual Conference earlier this year. After discussion, it was agreed that, along with Mr. Forrey, Mr. Farrow and Victor Santore will represent NATCA at the IFATCA Regional Meeting.

**Sanford:** Mr. Marinitti reported that there has been a crash at Sanford, Florida, with fatalities involved. CISM representatives have been contacted and EAP has been offered. At this time, it does not appear to have any controller involvement.

**Palm Beach/Miami Consolidation:** In 2002, the FAA conducted a staffing facility of Palm Beach and Miami towers; their conclusion at that time was that Palm Beach Tower's functions should remain unchanged, but a new TRACON should be constructed at that location. It now appears that the Agency wants to split Miami out of the TRACON.

**Meeting with CATCA:** Mr. Farrow is still trying to coordinate a meeting between the executive boards of NATCA and CATCA.

**TRACON Issues:** Mr. Farrow has heard that the Agency wants to split Denver TRACON into two areas – A and B. The B area would contain the more difficult sectors, so new controllers would be assigned to the A area in order that they could be certified within 12-18 months. Once they were certified, they'd eventually be transferred into the B areas. The quick checkout of these individuals would help the Agency reach their staffing goals. Mr. Meachum has heard that the Agency wants to split Houston TRACON due to increased traffic and the need for specialization.