
NATCA National Executive Board Teleconference
July 17, 2007

The teleconference was called to order by Executive Vice President Paul Rinaldi and the following individuals were in attendance:

Rick Thompson, Alaskan 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

President Pat Forrey was attending a reception for Congressman Robin Hayes and was unable to participate on the call.

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

GI Bill Education Benefit: Scott Conde briefed the NEB on his progress in securing GI Bill Education Benefits for NATCA members. Members who believe they are or could be eligible for education benefits under the GI bill will need to take certain steps in order to secure a claim date and ensure their eligibility. Detailed information will be disseminated shortly.

McArthur Assistance Fund: Mr. Rinaldi reported that the NEB voted to approve the creation of an assistance fund for NATCA ZAN FacRep Jerry McArthur, who has been fired by the FAA as a result of his engagement in constitutionally-protected "labor speech". The fund will be created from voluntary donations from NATCA members in order to provide brother McArthur with the means to temporarily meet his essential financial obligations pending the appeal of his arbitration decision to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit. Donations can be made via the PayPal link on NATCA's internet home page, or by check payable to NATCA and sent to the attention of NATCA Executive Vic President Paul Rinaldi at the NATCA National Office. Local union funds should not be used as contributions towards the fund.

Dues Rebate Checks: Mr. Rinaldi reported that the mailing of local dues rebate checks will be delayed for a few days, as the Department of the Interior provided us with incorrect information for pay periods 11 and 12. We are awaiting the corrected data at this time. Checks should be mailed by the middle of next week. Locals are strongly encouraged to establish electronic funds transfers accounts with the National Office so as to ensure that they get access to their dues rebate funding in the quickest manner possible.

Region X Contracts: NATCA and the Agency have agreed in principle to a two-year duration for the Multi-Unit contract. The TAU'd articles are being sent out to the Multi-Unit membership for their review prior to the ratification vote. Ratification briefings will be ongoing nationwide beginning August 1. The Engineers contract will be signed tomorrow at FAA Headquarters.