## NATCA National Executive Board Teleconference May 31, 2006

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

Howard Blankenship, Central 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
Victor Santore, Southern Regional Vice President
Darrell Meachum, Southwest Regional Vice President
Hamid Ghaffari, Western Pacific Regional Vice President

Also present was Adell Humphreys, NATCA Chief of Staff.

Mr. Forrey was absent from the teleconference due to meetings with Congressman Olver.

<u>Developmental/CPC Pay:</u> The Agency continues to penalize developmental/CPC controllers who should have been grandfathered under the old pay rules. We are working with counsel to move this issue into the courts. In the meantime, a grassroots effort is being developed to educate Congress about the fact that many controllers are losing pay under the imposed work rules, despite the Agency's claims to the contrary.

**Dues Reimbursement:** Mr. Rinaldi reported that the dues reimbursement project is proving to be more complicated than expected. Calculations of overpayments must be done every quarter, and this will require obtaining salary information from the Agency. At this point, we believe about 1,000 members are eligible to receive reimbursement; they will be notified by mail and will need to respond by June 30 if they wish to have their dues overpayments reimbursed. Members can opt-out of this reimbursement; however, they must return the form to NATCA National stating that they wish to do so.

**RVP Official Time Delegation:** Mr. Farrow wanted to delegate some of his official time to his region's OWCP representative, but the Agency would allow him to do so since the representative was already scheduled to be on leave during that period. However, it now appears that they have reconsidered their original position and allowed her to use the delegated official time. Mr. Zilonis agreed to follow up on this.

NTSB Representatives: Mr. Farrow noted that one of his members is representing NATCA in San Francisco concerning a runway incursion event. However, local management has yet to be notified by FAA Headquarters that this individual is authorized official time for this work, and the member is being ordered to return to his facility or risk

being placed on LWOP. The NTSB is supposed to notify the FAA of these assignments, but it appears there is some inconsistency in their procedures. Mr. Zilonis will follow-up with Darren Gaines on this matter.

Mr. Forrey joined the teleconference and briefed the NEB on his meeting with Congressman Olver's staff.

NATCA Email: Mr. Robicheau reported that all natca.com email addresses are being deleted (it appears that no one is using these email addresses). All National Office email addresses will be moved to the WebMail server next week. He continues to work with the National Communications Committee on modifications to the NATCA website. Mr. Robicheau briefed the NEB on a proposal from ABCO Technology, a vendor that can revamp the content and design of the NATCA website so that it can be maintained by NATCA.

Robicheau: Motion to approve the recommendation of the National Communications Committee and retain ABCO Technology to assist in the reconfiguration of the NATCA website

Blankenship: Seconded Vote: Passed unanimously