

NEB Teleconference Minutes
May 12, 2009

The teleconference was called to order by President Patrick Forrey, and the following individuals were in attendance: Paul Rinaldi, Executive Vice President; Ricky Thompson, Alaskan Regional Vice President; Howard Blankenship, Central Regional Vice President; Phil Barbarello, Eastern Regional Vice President; Michael MacDonald, Region X Regional Vice President; Victor Santore, Southern Regional Vice President; Hamid Ghaffari, Western Pacific Regional Vice President. Also present were Adell Humphreys, Barry Krasner and Tim Smith.

Acceptance of Minutes:

Barbarelllo: Motion to accept the minutes of the March 25-26 NEB Meeting

Santore: Seconded

Vote: Passed unanimously

Internet Access in Facilities: It appears that the Agency will require the termination of all internet access in FAA facilities except for those that utilize the FAA local area network. NATCA sent the Agency a proposal on this matter some time ago, and we have yet to receive a counterproposal.

Employee Free Choice Act: The AFL-CIO is escalating their media campaign to promote the passage of the Employee Free Choice Act, and has requested donations from their affiliates to fund this advertising.

Forrey: Motion to contribute \$5,000 to the AFL-CIO for promotion of the Employee Free Choice Act

Barbarelllo: Seconded

Vote: Passed unanimously

Staffing: Mr. Ghaffari noted that the FAA has changed the way that they calculate staffing numbers; they're now going to count trainees. If the Agency includes new hires and developmentals in their staffing figures, facilities won't be able to accept training failures from other facilities (as a result, trainees will be terminated). He questioned if there had been a national briefing on this change. Mr. Forrey responded that NATCA had not received a briefing on this change, and he will discuss this with Hank Krakowski. We are specifically concerned with the fate of training failures if the FAA continues to do their staffing counts in this manner.

AIR-140 Bargaining Unit: Mr. MacDonald noted that AIR-140 employees are currently paid under the GS pay schedule, and he believes they should now be rolled-into the Aircraft Certification bargaining unit. A Clarification of Unit petition must be filed with the FLRA in order to include them in the Aircraft Certification bargaining unit. Mr. Krasner and Bob Taylor will discuss the pay aspect with the FAA.