

NEB Teleconference Minutes
June 19, 2008

The teleconference was called to order by President Patrick Forrey and the following individuals were in attendance: Paul Rinaldi, Executive Vice President; 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; Ham Ghaffari, Western Pacific Regional Vice President. Also present was Adell Humphreys, NATCA Chief of Staff.

Mr. Forrey discussed NATCA's response to the most recent letter received from FAA Acting Administrator Bobby Sturgell regarding the imposed work rules. NATCA's letter will be mailed to the Agency this afternoon; copies will be sent to the Regional Vice Presidents for distribution, and it will be included on "ATC Push".

Legislative Update: Mr. Forrey met with AFL-CIO President Sweeney this afternoon to enlist his support with NATCA's issues in the Senate. President Sweeney pledged his support to assist NATCA's legislative efforts.

Convention Subsidies: Discussion has been ongoing regarding the basis of calculation for convention subsidies. Mr. Blankenship believes our current subsidy program is simpler than it has been in the past, but he noted that there has been significant change in airfare costs (while hotel and meal costs remain relatively stable). He believes the process could be simplified even further. After discussion, Mr. Blankenship and Mr. Meachum will discuss this with National Finance Chair Andy Heifner to determine if changes should be made to the current convention subsidy.

"Boots on the Ground" Program: Mike Ingrao, who is heading-up NATCA's "Boots on the Ground" political activism program, will give a presentation during the NATCA convention about the program. Several program participants plan to attend the convention, and they will be available to speak to members who may have questions about the program.

Acceptance of Minutes from Previous Teleconference:

Ghaffari: Motion to the minutes of the June 12 teleconference as written

Blankenship: Seconded

Vote: Passed unanimously

Retired Annuitants: Mr. Ghaffari questioned the status of the labor relations update on retired annuitants. Mr. Forrey will check with Marc Shapiro to determine when this guidance will be issued.

Dues Reimbursement: There is concern that many members don't understand the proper procedures and eligibility for NATCA's dues reimbursement program. Some members who are paying a higher rate of dues don't understand that they need to file paperwork in order to get their overpayments returned to them. Mr. Rinaldi explained that these individuals need to notify NATCA of their overpayment status, as we have no way of accessing their pay status information.

Grievance Disclaimer Language: Mr. Ghaffari requested an update or briefing from NATCA's Labor Relations Department on the proposed grievance disclaimer language. Mr. Forrey will ask Marc Shapiro to follow up on this.