

NEB Teleconference Minutes
July 10, 2008

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; 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.

National Election Committee: Dan Ellenberger has recently resigned from the National Election Committee. After soliciting names from the Regional Vice Presidents for this position, Mr. Forrey announced his intention to appoint Alex Stanley from Payne Tower to fill this vacancy. This appointment was approved by consensus.

Rehired Annuitants Briefing: The FAA has scheduled an Article 7 briefing regarding their use of rehired annuitants. Mr. Forrey asked if any of the Regional Vice Presidents wished to attend this briefing, and Mr. Ghaffari volunteered to do so.

FLSA Lawsuit: The judge presiding over NATCA's FLSA lawsuit has ordered oral arguments, which will take place on July 29.

ZME Financial Issues: The Department of Labor has contacted the NATCA National Office regarding the recent financial problems at NATCA ZME. NATCA's attorneys will meet with Department of Labor representatives next week.

Legislative Update: Mr. Forrey reported that stand-alone legislation in support of NATCA's issues is being pursued in the Senate, and we expect this legislation to be introduced next week. We are currently contacting Senate Republicans and asking them to co-sponsor the bill. A grass-roots initiative will be implemented next week, targeting those Republicans who we believe could support our legislation. If we are able to obtain more than 60 co-sponsors, we may ask Senator Reid to attach the language to other legislation which has a stronger possibility of passage in the near future. We are continuing pressure to bring S-1300 to the floor.

Tuition Reimbursement: Discussion ensued on Standing Rule F-14 regarding tuition reimbursement for NATCA members. Questions have arisen as to what type of courses or degrees are appropriate for reimbursement. Mr. Meachum will develop draft guidelines for NEB consideration at their next meeting in two weeks.

OWCP Committee: The recently-appointed chairman of NATCA's OWCP Committee has bid on a supervisor's job. Accordingly, Mr. Forrey noted that it is necessary to appoint a new committee chair, and asked the Regional Vice Presidents to speak to their regional committee representatives to determine their interest in assuming the committee chairmanship.

GI Bill Benefits: Mr. Ghaffari explained that there have been some inconsistencies in the application of the new GI bill benefits for trainees. Since NATCA has no standing

with the Veterans Administration regarding eligibility, members with questions should contact the VA with any eligibility questions.

Sponsorship Request: Ron Lombardi/NATCA ZNY owns and races a dragster in NHRA's Division 1 top dragster class. The costs for maintaining this dragster have risen dramatically over the last several years, and he is looking for sponsorship. He has placed NATCA logos on his dragster, and is requesting sponsorship in the amount of \$600 for a set of rear tires.

Barbarelo: Motion to sponsor Ron Lombardi's dragster in the amount of \$600

Rinaldi: Seconded

Vote: Defeated, with Mr. Barbarelo, Mr. Rinaldi and Mr. Santore voting in favor