
National Executive Board Teleconference

May 1, 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; Howard Blankenship, Central Regional Vice President; Phil Barbarello, Eastern Regional Vice President; Bryan Zilonis, Great Lakes Regional Vice President; Mike MacDonald, Region X Regional Vice President; Victor Santore, Southern Regional Vice President; Darrell Meachum, Southwest Regional Vice President; Hamid Ghaffari, Western Pacific Regional Vice President. Also present were Marguerite Graf and Adell Humphreys.

Acceptance of Minutes from Previous Teleconference:

Ghaffari: Motion to approve the minutes of the April 17 Teleconference

Zilonis: Seconded

Vote: Passed unanimously

Grievance Disclaimer: Discussion ensued on including disclaimer language on grievances filed with the Agency. It is critical that any such language not jeopardize our ongoing legal proceedings with the FLRA. The consensus of the NEB was that disclaimer language should be added to all future grievances filed with the FAA for ATC, TMC and NOTAM bargaining unit employees. Draft disclaimer language will be forwarded to the NEB for review and approval, and the final disclaimer language will be uploaded to the GATS so that all members will be able to use it as well.

NATCA SkiFest: Mr. Meachum noted that Milt Scherotter, long-time NATCA member and coordinator of the NATCA SkiFest, has retired and will no longer coordinate this event. Mr. Meachum is concerned that NATCA could be held liable for events such as these that are held under the union's name, and believes action should be taken to ensure that the union bears no liability. He will work with General Counsel Rita Graf to develop a policy that will protect the union.

SRMD Panels: Mr. Barbarello questioned if the union had agreed to participate in SRMD panels and if any guidance had been distributed nationally. After discussion, Mr. Forrey agreed that a national policy should be developed regarding the union's participation on SRMD panels.