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**NATCA National Executive Board Teleconference**  
**October 31, 2006**

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The teleconference was called to order by President Patrick Forrey and the following individuals were in attendance:

Paul Rinaldi, Executive Vice President  
Ricky Thompson, Alaska Regional 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  
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 was NATCA General Counsel Marguerite L. Graf.

**Meetings with DOT Secretary Mary Peters and FAA Administrator Marian Blakey:**

In closed session, Mr. Forrey briefed the NEB on his October 30 meeting with new DOT Secretary Mary Peters. Mr. Forrey also briefed the NEB on his October 27 meeting with FAA Administrator Marian Blakey. The NEB discussed developments in NATCA's challenges to the imposed work rules and strategy for achieving NATCA's objective of obtaining ratifiable agreements with the FAA for the multi-unit and the air traffic control, TMC, and NOTAM units.

**Virtual Flight Surgeons Contract:** Mr. Rinaldi informed the NEB that the current three-year contract with Virtual Flight Surgeons is due to expire on December 31, 2006 and that Virtual Flight Surgeons had submitted a proposal for a new three-year contract covering calendar years 2007 through 2009. Mr. Rinaldi noted that the total cost for the new three-year contract proposed by Virtual Flight Surgeons is \$500,000 more than the previous three-year contract. Mr. Rinaldi stated that he would present the NEB at their November meeting with an analysis of the additional benefits, if any, that Virtual Flight Surgeons included in the new three-year contract proposal as VFS's justification for the price increase.

**Upgrades for Enroute Facilities:** Mr. Rinaldi informed the NEB that there had been a telcon among several of the RVPs and NATCA's attorneys on October 30 to discuss strategies for forcing the FAA to upgrade eligible enroute facilities. Mr. Rinaldi noted that there would be a presentation on this topic at the November NEB meeting and

requested that RVPs forward information on any eligible facilities in their regions to the national office.

**Corporate Sponsorship of NATCA Events:** Mr. MacDonald informed the NEB that Region X was withdrawing its opposition to particular corporations under consideration for solicitation as sponsors of NATCA events.

**Engineer Negotiations:** Mr. MacDonald informed the NEB that a two-week negotiation session for a successor agreement covering the NATCA-represented engineers had been completed and that provisions on work hours, leave, and pay were still unresolved. Mr. MacDonald noted that three additional negotiation sessions were planned.

**ULP Charge on ATO Reorganization:** Mr. MacDonald informed the NEB that the FLRA is actively investigating NATCA's ULP charge over the ATO reorganization.

**Multi-Unit Imposed Work Rules:** Mr. MacDonald informed the NEB that there would be a November 2 strategy session at NATCA headquarters to discuss strategies for proceeding after the FLRA's issuance of a proposed settlement with the FAA, over NATCA's objections, stemming from NATCA's ULP charges concerning the multi-unit imposed work rules.

**Special Convention:** Mr. Ghaffari inquired as to when the NEB would be deciding on whether or not to hold a special convention to consider NATCA's dues structure. Mr. Rinaldi noted that the NEB had to formulate a dues proposal to submit to the membership in order to consider the dues structure at a special convention. Mr. Ghaffari, Mr. Blankenship, and Mr. Santore volunteered to work with Mr. Rinaldi on creating a proposal.

**Kelly Jo Hull:** Mr. Ghaffari notified the NEB of the death of Kelly Jo Hull, daughter of NATCA activist Mike Hull, and plans for Ms. Hull's funeral.

**Oshkosh/Sun 'n Fun Air Shows:** Mr. Santore initiated a discussion about the parameters of NATCA's participation in the annual Oshkosh and Sun 'n Fun air shows.

**FLSA Claims:** Mr. Robicheau informed the NEB that he has been assisting outside counsel retained by NATCA in examination and exploration of potential FLSA claims against the FAA.

**Workgroup Participation:** Mr. Barbarello initiated a discussion concerning speculation that NATCA might be resuming participation in Agency-sponsored workgroups.