
NATCA National Executive Board Teleconference
April 28, 2010

The teleconference was called to order by President Paul Rinaldi, and the following individuals were in attendance:

Patricia Gilbert, Executive Vice President
Larry Lescanec, Alaskan Regional Vice President
Phil Barbarello, Eastern Regional Vice President
Bryan Zilonis, Great Lakes Regional Vice President
Mike Robicheau, New England Regional Vice President
Jim Ullmann, Northwest Mountain Regional Vice President
Mike MacDonald, Region X Regional Vice President
Victor Santore, Southern Regional Vice President
Tim Smith, Southwest Regional Vice President
Hamid Ghaffari, Western Pacific Regional Vice President

Also present on the call were Barry Krasner, Russ Miller and Dale Wright.

Employee Engagement: Russ Miller briefed the Board on last week's meeting with the FAA and Gallup consultants on an employee engagement survey. More information on this program will follow.

NextGen: Dale Wright forwarded three requests for participation on NextGen projects.

- * FAA-AEE Partner COE Project #5: This initiative will simulate and demonstrate a phase of the "NextGen Enroute Traffic Optimization to Reduce Fuel Burn and Emissions". The Agency is requesting a total of 21 controllers for this exercise.
- * UAS : The Agency is seeking 18 CPCs over three sessions to contribute to the development of NextGen procedures and technologies being researched for the integration of UAS into the future NAS. Each session will have 4 ARTCC CPCs and 2 TRACON CPCs.
- * 3D Path Arrival Management (PAM): The Agency is requesting a total of 18 CPC controllers from ZDV to participate in "Human-in-the-Loop" simulations at NASA Ames and field trials to develop and validate the 3D PAM concept.

CIC Remedy: Mr. Lescanec requested more specifics about the CIC pay remedy, since the FAA disseminated incorrect guidance that CICs needed to sign out when a second controller was on break. The email was redistributed and also will be put in this week's Team update.

ERAM: Mr. Ullmann briefed the Board on an upcoming meeting with the Agency to discuss ERAM issues. Decisions on union input on falling back will hopefully be addressed at this meeting. Additionally, Mr. Ullmann will try to pin the FAA down on ZMP and whether it is officially a keystone or the first facility in the waterfall.

CRU-X: We are pushing the FAA for written guidance on the fact that the 2010 MOU does not supersede the 2002 MOU. The Agency claims they have done verbal guidance but, for some

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reason, written guidance has not been forthcoming.

FCT: Discussion ensued on DOL obligations when a chartered Local has no members. Ryan Smith at the National Office is the point of contact on these type of issues.

3900.19: Ms. Gilbert sent an inquiry to the FAA on this draft order that was originally sent Agency-wide, then to ATO as guidance. The distribution, coverage and deadline for comment is problematic for NATCA.

Article 2/Section 11: The recent Western Pacific PAR resulted in a decision in favor of NATCA on 16 hours of excused absence once annually for briefings on the Federal Labor Relations Program.


Placement Workgroup: We are working with senior FAA management to determine whether they will cease their support of placing new hires in ATC 10 and higher terminals. A teleconference is tentatively scheduled for April 29 to discuss the information requested in connection with the Placement Workgroup and when the workgroup should meet.

FAM program: We are awaiting a response from the Agency on the FAM program that they are allegedly developing.

Basic FacRep Training: The Chicago FacRep training class is complete; the completely revised class is scheduled to debut October 4-8 in New Orleans. NEB members were encouraged to attend the revised course.

Local Building PowerPoint/Class: The finishing touches are being done on this project, which will debut via webinar. The class can be recorded and made available via a hyperlink.

Rehired Annuitants: Preliminary discussions have been held on this program. An Article 7 request will be sent to the FAA.



Patricia C. Gilbert
Executive Vice President