

NEB Telcon Meeting Minutes

August 26, 2010

The meeting was called to order by President Paul Rinaldi, and the following members attended the conference call:

Paul Rinaldi, President
Barry Krasner, Executive Director
Larry Lescanec, Alaska Regional Vice President
Ham Ghaffari, Western Pacific Regional Vice President
Kevin Peterson, Central Regional Vice President
Tim Smith, Southwest Regional Vice President
Jim Ullmann, Northwest Mountain Regional Vice President
Kevin Bianchi (for Michael Robicheau), New England Regional Vice President
Victor Santore, Southern Regional Vice President

Also in attendance was Abigail Glenn-Chase.

Credit Card Policy: The pending policy was sent to the NEB Listserv. The policy includes new protocols and restrictions, as well as an appeals process. The EVP holds the power to reinstate cards, with NEB approval, that have been suspended after offenses. The policy was passed.

Hilton Hawaiian Village labor negotiations: Ham relayed that there has been no new developments, but he has local members monitoring the media. The AFL is focusing a lot of attention on Chicago with a strike possible around Labor Day. Any NATCA meetings that are impacted should use the National Office as a fall back. Barry added that the Unite 5 website was silent on these issues.

Just Culture: Just Culture will be placed on the NEB agenda for discussion and vetting. In the meantime, all Just Culture emails should be preserved and concerns highlighted.

Secretary LaHood Letter: NATCA forwarded our stance and message on the progress of our working relationship with the Administrator and the FAA as whole to the Secretary's office. There was concern that the intricacies of areas of progress might be lost when the FAAC labor representative is conveying the concern for areas where we are still not involved in NexGen so the letter was sent.

Mazie Hirono: Congresswoman Hirono has agreed to speak at Convention. Barry requested information on the Congresswoman, including dates and times she is available. Barry will then send info on agenda availability.

Reno : NCT issues will be coming to Paul's office. Ham had a discussion with Sean Clark and Mark Marchese about priorities and timeline and Article 67, section 2. Paul requested that Ham get people to help on the TRACON redesign and En Route centers.

Flight Deck Training: Administrator Babbitt is pushing this issue because there is Agency concern that this training will be used for personal travel. Ham will continue to be the point of contact until Convention at which time the Steering Committee should take it over.

Convention Security: Local security is still being worked out.

Staff Specialists: There is a webinar on Tuesday, August 31st at 12 noon. 65 people are currently signed up.

Assessment Team: Kevin Peterson has not heard anything yet a team visiting ZKC. Paul will follow up.

Op-Ed : Waiting to give Administrator Babbitt a chance to respond. Paul and Doug Church will craft a letter from the National Office.

Staff at National Convention: Paul pulled some staff from working at the convention because they are needed more in DC. Jose Ceballos will stay in DC to oversee the rolling lobby weeks. Liz Weaver will stay in DC to assist with PAC matters during rolling lobby weeks. Alex Caldwell will stay to run media relations. She will also be on hand to respond to the NTSB discussion on 9/14 regarding the midair over the Hudson River.

NEB Agenda Items: Kevin Bianchi, NE ARVP, asked that the Nantucket pay retention issue be put on the NEB agenda.

OJT/CIC Requirement (Santore): Scott Malon stated that the Agency had a right to set CIC certification and/or OJT certification as requirements for BWS bidding. Malon stated that this was national guidance. Phil is working with Walt Cochran on having the same guidance from last year sent out again.

Special Events MOU (Santore): Rich Belmonte has resolved several problems with special events in the Southern Region. Victor will be the point of contact to work with Rich Belmonte to resolve any other issues with special events that need to be addressed. Paul asked that Victor work with Belmonte on a Frequently Asked Questions document regarding special events and to address the issue of any facility not able to release all bidders for a specific event.
