

NEB Telcon Minutes

June 21, 2011

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

Paul Rinaldi, President
Trish Gilbert, Executive Vice President
Larry Lescanec, Alaskan Regional Vice President
Kevin Peterson, Central 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
Victor Santore, Southern Regional Vice President
Tim Smith, Southwest Regional Vice President
Ham Ghaffari, Western Pacific Regional Vice President
Michael MacDonald, Region X Regional Vice President

Also in attendance were Abigail Glenn-Chase, Julio Henriques and Jeff Richards.

Fatigue MOU: The Parties have agreed to the MOU but are still waiting on signatures. The DoT wants the FAA to do a press release on the agreement. NATCA leadership expressed concern about press and suggested that it could do more harm than good. We will be doing a joint telecon on the MOU within the next two weeks.

FAA Reauthorization: The House and Senate are still apart on funding levels, essential air services and NMB language. It looks like they will be passing another extension (the 20th) as this one ends on June 30th.

NEB meeting in Portland, Or.: The meeting is confirmed for all day September 7th and 8th, 2011. NEB members can leave after 5pm on the 8th or the morning of the 9th.

ERAM: We have on-going issues with the program and are concerned that they have still not been able to address some of the core functionality issues, specifically tracking/pairing, raised by NATCA for too long now. In April a joint tiger team identified the specificity in PR / CR descriptions so that the next software builds would produce the desired operational outcomes. Some of those items were in the 300 build that the sites are now on. The rest were split in the next two builds- 1100 and 1200. 1100 was to be uploaded at the sites on May 23rd but was not uploaded at ZSE due to a critical issue on altitude reporting that did not affect ZLC (due to set-up of their radar sort boxes). 1100 was uploaded at ZLC but when another critical issue surfaced (identified in May - starting a data block with the AID) they fell back to the 300 build. NATCA has been advocating for a fall back to HOST at the key sites and no live testing at the next sites down the waterfall (ZMP, ZHU, ZAB) until such time as the software addresses the core functionality issues. The FAA does not agree that falling back to HOST is the safer course of action.

Advanced Rep Class: The course is being redesigned and a beta class will be conducted in December.

Flight Deck Training: The MOU has been signed and the Notice will be out shortly. The program is scheduled to start on July 15th.

Associate Membership: At the last NEB meeting we discussed the need to change the NEB Associate member policy due to UNUM policy issues. The NEB passed the following:

In accordance with Article III, Section 4 of the NATCA Constitution, the NATCA National Executive Board ("NEB") hereby proclaims the following regulations concerning the acceptance of associate members and the revocation of associate member status:

Acceptance of Associate Members. Upon written application to the NATCA Membership Department, NATCA shall consider an individual's application for associate member status with the organization. No individual shall be eligible for membership as an associate member if the individual is eligible for active membership. An individual's application for associate member status may be denied for cause as determined by a majority vote of the NEB.

Revocation of Associate Member Status. An individual's associate member status with NATCA may be revoked at any time upon a motion for revocation submitted to the NEB by the NATCA Regional Vice President for the region in which the associate member is located. Following the submission of a motion for revocation, the NEB shall decide whether the individual's associate member status should be revoked for cause as determined by a majority vote of the NEB. There is no right of appeal if the NEB decides to revoke an individual's associate member status.

An individual's associate member status with NATCA shall also be revoked for failure to pay dues.



Patricia Gilbert
Executive Vice President