

NATIONAL RBA TELECON
Wednesday, February 3, 2010

PRESENT:

Linda Goodrich
Mike Gonzales
Dennie Rose
John Cox
Frank Gentile
Paul Joly
Bill Missal
Bill Mounger
Bob Prehara
Tom Ronk
Colleen Stevens

Membership

Flight Standards gained two new members last week from the Southern region.

Credit Protection Proposals

Linda briefed RBAs on status of credit protection proposals related to a security breach that happened approximately year ago. PASS has a ULP outstanding with the FLRA over this issue and the agency's refusal to negotiate. ACTION ITEM for Linda to send a message to Peg requesting that a question is asked at the town hall meeting regarding credit protection.

Overseas Travel

John Cox researched on the amount given to inspectors through GovTrip for hotels when traveling overseas. He reported that the hotel amounts allotted for travel overseas include taxes as opposed to travel stateside when the hotel taxes are expensed as a separate item.

Split Pay Notification

Charlie Henderson has been working an issue related to checks being sent directly to JP Morgan as opposed to coming to the traveler so the traveler can pay JP Morgan. PASS has given the agency notification and Charlie is working the issue with Allyn. More information to come as it develops.

OJT and Formal Training for ASAs and ASTs

Mike Gonzales briefed RBAs on the continuing push for formal training for ASAs and ASTs. John Allen and AFS-500 have confirmed that they will be working with PASS on a formal course in Oklahoma City for ASA training and any other position that is lacking formal training. Workgroups to develop this training may be starting soon.

Texting While Driving

PASS sent a letter to the agency on January 26 requesting a briefing and an opportunity to comment on DOT Order 3902.10 related to texting while driving. Allyn is taking the lead on this and will provide more information following the briefing.

Contract Negotiations

On January 14, Mike Derby sent a draft proposal to the FAA on ground rules for returning to contract negotiations including such thing as a master contract with addendums for the different bargaining units. The deadline for the agency to respond was January 31; PASS is standing by.

Relocation Payments

There has been a change to FAATP regarding fixed relocation payments. Linda stated that she hopes this applies to all PASS bargaining unit employees since we are still under the FTRs.

DoD Schools in Puerto Rico

Linda thanked Dennie and Mike Derby for their efforts in ensuring that the children of FS employees are allowed to attend DoD schools in Puerto Rico. Since Flight Standards employees have been paying the tuition for the past five years, those costs may be reimbursable since PASS also won a five-year-old ULP against the agency for failure to negotiate in good faith over the agency stopping the attendance. Dennie discussed the issue and said that PASS is now brainstorming how to move forward.

Occupant Emergency Plan

Linda discussed a conversation she had with John Allen regarding emergency plans. Colleen said that all facilities should have an occupant emergency plan in place. ACTION ITEM for Colleen to put something together on occupant emergency plans for Linda to send to John for national implementation.

National Grievance

A national grievance has been filed by PASS on behalf of all bargaining units related to the agency's failure to pay annual leave to new hires retiring from the military.

Employee Engagement Action

Linda informed RBAs that the agency has posted on its website that it will be going out in the field to conduct formal discussions and that it intended to act on input received from those discussions. All RBAs should stay alert for any information related to these discussions. A letter was written from PASS to Administrator Babbitt regarding our concerns but we have not receives a response.

Upcoming Meetings/Training/Events

- February 8 – 12: AWP quarterly, grievance meeting and all-hands meeting in Phoenix
- February 22 – 23: Linda and Tom Ronk in Memphis for all-hands meeting
- February 23 – 24: ACE quarterly grievance meeting
- February 25 – 26: Executive Board meeting
- March 1 – 5: Mark Kimmel in D.C. for RBA training

- March 8 – 12: Linda to join Bill Missal in Fairbanks for all-hands meeting and quarterly grievance meeting; Linda will then go to Anchorage to conduct rep training
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Summary of ACTION ITEMS

New ACTION ITEMS

- ACTION ITEM for Linda to send a message to Peg requesting that a question is asked at the town hall meeting regarding credit protection.
- ACTION ITEM for Colleen to put something together on occupant emergency plans for Linda to send to John.

Open ACTION ITEMS

- ACTION ITEM for Frank to get an example regarding training on new LDR codes.
- ACTION ITEM for Frank and Linda to modify existing enroute order and present a draft to the agency.
- ACTION ITEM for Colleen to provide Bob Prehara with job hazard analysis information.
- ACTION ITEM for Bill Missal to work air cards for Alaska with Bob Prehara.
- ACTION ITEM for Mark Kimmel to report back to Linda regarding issue of Great Lakes cancelling all Jeppesens.
- ACTION ITEM for Linda to work with Mike Gonzales to ensure MOA is on website regarding the requirement for any member getting a temporary promotion to fill out an 1187.
- ACTION ITEM for Linda to work with Charlie to put together a proposal to AFS-100 to authorize AQS to inform computer specialists to put this on each computer as it is set up.
- ACTION ITEM for Linda to look into the difference between someone acting in a detail versus acting, i.e., George will be detailed as a manager for the next 30 days versus George will be acting until next Wednesday.
- ACTION ITEM to send any suggestions for a PASS POC on blood-borne pathogens to Colleen.
- ACTION ITEM for Colleen to give presentation on expectation of hearing conservation effort.

Ongoing ACTION ITEMS

- Ongoing ACTION ITEM for RBAs and/or assistants to start contacting members who dropped out of union, as well as any new members on a continuous basis. After you get in touch with these individuals, pass the information on to Linda so she can follow up.
- Ongoing ACTION ITEM to get any information on a member who dropped due to an administrative error to Emily and copy Linda and Dennie.
- Ongoing ACTION ITEM for all RBAs to talk to regional TSA POCs in order to ensure that field inspectors are receiving security briefings.
- Ongoing ACTION ITEM for anyone who has had problems with workers' comp to get the information to Colleen via email or fax.
- Ongoing ACTION ITEM for Linda to work on getting Jessica out in the field to help familiarize with her with Flight Standards as she works on developing new articles for the newsletter.
- Ongoing ACTION ITEM to continue to make contact with your members of Congress regarding issues that are important to you, educating them on what you do and what you need

to continue protecting aviation safety. Please keep Abby and Kori informed of any action/response. Linda said that she has heard that the FAA is getting tired of this so the strategy is obviously working!

Note: All current and archived RBA notes are available on www.passnational.org.