

NATIONAL RBA TELECON
Wednesday, February 10, 2010

PRESENT:

Linda Goodrich
Mike Gonzales
Serge Cote
Frank Gentile
Charlie Henderson
Paul Joly
Mark Kimmel
Bob Mercer
Bill Missal
Bob Prehara
Colleen Stevens
Reed Wiglesworth

Blizzard 2010

Many things have had to be rescheduled due to the winter storms that have shut everything down in the D.C. area. Linda was supposed to have a meeting with John Allen, which will be rescheduled. Mike Gonzales also traveled to D.C. to participate in a town hall meeting, but it was also canceled. All agreed that if telecommuting was authorized, there would have been far less impact to the schedule.

First 40

Frank Gentile highlighted an issue at the AMR CMO where everyone was taken off first 40. The division manager at the CMO said he had to follow the guidance in Order 3600.6 and that the people at the AMR CMO did not meet the requirements for first 40. The BUEs at the AMR CMO were obviously not happy with being taken off first 40 and Frank said that it seemed that PASS was being wrongly blamed. He is obviously working hard to convey that PASS has been fighting for this as a logical option to conduct agency business. Great Lakes region has also had grievances filed regarding people being taken off first 40. ACTION ITEM for Linda to bring the issue up with John Allen about the impact of recent actions regarding first 40 and the pros/cons. In addition, ACTION ITEM for Linda to make sure that RBAs have a copy of the negotiations on Prib 11 and to put it on the website.

4040 Program

Frank is attending a 4040 meeting in the Southwest region and briefed RBAs on the program and issues in the regions. Specifically, he spoke with Reed about an issue in his region in which the division had turned half the money back to the 4040 program, thus precluding the ASIs from getting their currency. Bob Mercer said that he had this problem in his region and that he was able to avoid some issues after emphasizing the safety problems involved. Frank also mentioned the Western Pacific region initiating a policy not in compliance with the 4040 program to do EBC within the first two months of each quarter.

Credit Card Protection Proposals

Linda completed an action item from last week and contacted Peg regarding credit card protection. Peg told Linda that this would be an agenda item at the town hall meeting. Unfortunately, the town hall meeting was cancelled. But this issue is getting attention and will be addressed soon.

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. The weather has precluded the continuation of these negotiations. Charlie will continue to work with Allyn on the issue.

SIRS and Reports of Management Interference

There have been an alarming number of SIRS complaints in recent weeks regarding management interfering with inspectors doing their jobs. Several RBAs have been working issues related to management interference. This comes right after Mark Lund informing Linda that there will be another Inspector General investigation regarding things Mark has raised related to agency interference with inspectors doing their job at Northwest Airlines/Delta. All of these reports will be important for PASS in the future as we continue to work the issue. Linda told RBAs to encourage BUEs to continue filing SIRS to draw more attention to the problems.

Upcoming Meetings/Training/Events

- 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

Summary of ACTION ITEMS

Completed ACTION ITEMS

- Linda sent a message to Peg regarding credit protection.
- Colleen put something together on occupant emergency plans for Linda to send to John.

New ACTION ITEMS

- ACTION ITEM for Linda to bring the issue up with John Allen about the impact of recent actions regarding first 40 and the pros/cons.
- ACTION ITEM for Linda to make sure that RBAs have a copy of the negotiations on Prib 11 and to put it on the website.
- ACTION ITEM for PASS to ask the agency why PASS has not received formal notification regarding the AEG and BOS FSDO moving to the region. Mike Gonzales is working this issue.

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 canceling 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.